



**SECOND DAY:** Read 2 Samuel 20:1-22

2. Following the death of Absalom, David prepared to resume his rightful position as king in Jerusalem. However, the *men of Judah* and the *men of Israel* began to argue over who had *more right to David* (2 Samuel 19:41-43). According to 2 Samuel 20:1-2, what happened as a result of this quarrel?
  - a. Use 2 Samuel 20:2 to contrast the *men of Israel* with the *men of Judah* and share your thoughts.
    - (1) Why would this division be detrimental to the nation? See also Luke 11:17.
3. From 2 Samuel 20:3-13 answer the following questions:
  - a. While David re-established his house in Jerusalem (2 Samuel 20:3) he commissioned Amasa, the former captain of Absalom's army. What did he order him to do? 2 Samuel 20:4
  - b. What concern did David express to Abishai in 2 Samuel 20:6?
  - c. How did Joab respond to David's concern? 2 Samuel 20:7
  - d. Use 2 Samuel 20:8-13 to briefly remark on the violent way Joab dealt with Amasa.
    - (1) What do you think of Joab's actions?
4. Joab unified the armies of Israel and besieged the city where Sheba was hiding. What happened as Joab was about to attack the city? 2 Samuel 20:16
5. From 2 Samuel 20:17-21 summarize the conversation between Joab and the *wise woman*.
  - a. What noteworthy qualities did this woman display?
    - (2) Why do you think this woman was *wise*?
6. Record the result of this woman's actions. 2 Samuel 20:22
7. How do you see God's grace toward David in the midst of these events?

**THIRD DAY:** Read 2 Samuel 21:1-14

1. How did David deal with the three-year *famine* that plagued the land? 2 Samuel 21:1b
  - a. What was the Lord's answer? 2 Samuel 21:1c
  
2. Describe the predicament of the Gibeonites from 2 Samuel 21:2.
  - a. According to Joshua 9, Joshua had made a covenant with the Gibeonites swearing not to bring them harm. With this in mind, why was Saul's aggression toward them so serious?
    - (1) What does this story convey concerning God's view of covenants and promises we make? See also Numbers 30:2.
  
3. Comment on the conversation between David and the Gibeonites using 2 Samuel 21:3-6.
  
4. Why did David spare Mephibosheth? 2 Samuel 21:7
  - a. Contrast David's keeping of his promise to Jonathan (1 Samuel 20:15-17) with Saul's betrayal of the Gibeonites. What do you see?
  
5. Relate the events of 2 Samuel 21:8-9.
  
6. Rizpah was the mother of two of Saul's descendants who were executed. She held a vigil over their bodies *until the late rains poured on them* (2 Samuel 21:10). When David heard of this, what did he do? 2 Samuel 21:11-14a
  - a. What do you think about David's response to Rizpah's actions?
  
7. According to 2 Samuel 21:14b, what happened *after that*?
  - a. What does this reveal concerning obedience to God?
  
  - b. Share a time when you received God's grace as a result of obedience.



**FIFTH DAY:** Taken from 1 Kings 1

1. According to 1 Kings 1:1, David was now *old, advanced in years*. The time was approaching for one of his sons to take the throne. From 1 Kings 1:5 what did his son Adonijah decide to do?
  - a. Why were Adonijah's actions wrong? See Psalm 75:6-7.
    - (1) How is this a good reminder for you?
  - b. Compare Adonijah's actions with his brother Absalom's in 2 Samuel 15:1. What do you see?
2. Record additional information about Adonijah from 1 Kings 1:6.
  - a. What does this information convey to you?
3. From 1 Kings 1:7-8 list:
  - a. Those who *followed and helped Adonijah*
  - b. Those who *were not with Adonijah*
    - (1) What do you find interesting about these two groups?
4. By offering a sacrifice, what do you think Adonijah was trying to do? 1 Kings 1:9
5. In 1 Kings 1:11-31 Nathan and Bathsheba developed a plan to make David aware of Adonijah's treachery and to remind David of his promise to Bathsheba concerning her son, Solomon. According to 1 Kings 1:32-40, what did David order?
  - a. How did Benaiah respond? 1 Kings 1:36-37
  - b. How were David's orders carried out? 1 Kings 1:38-40
  - c. All attempts to seize the throne from David were thwarted. How do you see *God's* hand in this?
  - d. In what way does this encourage you?
    - (1) Share how you have seen the Lord thwart the enemy's attacks against you.

**SIXTH DAY:** Read Psalm 27

1. Although David had experienced one trial after another, he continued to trust God. As a result, he continually received God's grace and help in the midst of his trials. Psalm 27 provides a glimpse of David's perspective in such instances. Read this Psalm and choose verses or phrases that illustrate David's perspective.
  - a. How do you see the grace of God ministering to David in this Psalm?
  
2. How is David's perspective in hardship an example for you?
  - a. What aspect of Psalm 27 ministers most to you? Why?

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be  
afraid?  
Psalm 27:1*