

Family Faith Guide

The Chronicles - Week 2

Under the Hand of God - Saul & David

1 Chronicles 10-11



"People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

—1 Samuel 16:7



Big Idea

God examines the heart. Saul defended his sin and hardened himself; David repented and kept returning to God. A humble, repentant heart is prepared to live under God's hand.



God Looks at the Heart

- Saul looked like a king; David was overlooked and left with the sheep.
- God chose by what He saw in the heart, not by outward appearance.
- Neither man was sinless. What mattered was how each responded when sin was exposed.
- Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:7; Psalm 51:10-11.



Saul Defended; David Repented

- Saul made excuses, blamed others, and tried to protect his image.
- David owned his sin and prayed, "Create in me a pure heart, O God."
- The difference was not perfection; it was a heart that stayed tender before God.
- When you fail, do not run from God. Run to Him.



The Wilderness Is Training Ground

- David shepherded sheep before he shepherded a nation.
- Hidden years built prayer, worship, courage, and dependence on God.
- Do not despise a season where nobody seems to notice. God may be building your foundation.
- Scripture: 1 Chronicles 11:2; 1 Peter 5:6.



God's Hand > Human Power

- David became stronger "because the LORD Almighty was with him."
- Saul relied on control, image, and self-reliance. David sought God's presence.
- God's work is "not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit."
- Scripture: 1 Chronicles 11:9; Zechariah 4:6.



Jesus Is the Greater King

- David points beyond himself to Jesus, the greater King from David's line.
- Jesus bore judgment on the cross for our rebellion and brings us into grace.
- Like Jabez, we can ask for God's hand to be with us as we follow Him.
- Scripture: 1 Chronicles 4:10.



Talk About It

1. What do you manage more carefully - your image or your heart?
2. When God confronts sin, do you tend to defend yourself or repent?
3. What hidden season might God be using as training in your life?
4. Where are you relying on your own strength more than God's Spirit?



Family Challenge

This week, read 1 Samuel 16:7; Psalm 51:10-11; 1 Chronicles 11:9; and 1 Peter 5:6. Then each person shares a "heart check": one thing to surrender, one hidden area where God may be preparing you, and one way to rely on His Spirit instead of your own strength. Finish by praying 1 Chronicles 4:10 together.



Prayer

Father, examine our hearts and keep us tender, humble, and quick to repent. Use the hidden seasons to prepare us for what You have next. Keep us from trusting our image, position, or strength. Thank You for Jesus, our greater King. Let Your hand be with our family and church, and help us live by Your Spirit. In Jesus' name, amen.



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Big Idea

God looks at our hearts. Saul defended his sin, but David repented and kept coming back to God. A humble heart is the kind of heart God can use.



God Looks at the Heart

- Saul looked like a king, but God cared about what was happening inside his heart.
- David was overlooked, but God chose him.
- God does not just see what people see—He sees our hearts.
- Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:7.



Saul Defended; David Repented

- Saul made excuses when he sinned.
- David admitted his sin and asked God to make his heart clean.
- The big difference was not perfection—it was repentance.
- When you fail, run to God, not away from Him.



The Wilderness Is Training Ground

- David learned to trust God while caring for sheep.
- Hidden seasons can prepare us for what God will do next.
- God is at work even when nobody notices.
- Scripture: 1 Chronicles 11:2; 1 Peter 5:6.



God's Hand > Human Power

- David grew stronger because God was with him.
- Saul trusted control and image; David trusted God's presence.
- God's work is done by His Spirit, not just human strength.
- Scripture: 1 Chronicles 11:9; Zechariah 4:6.



Jesus Is the Greater King

- David points us to Jesus, the greater King.
- Jesus took our punishment so we could receive grace.
- We can ask God to lead us and keep His hand on our lives.
- Scripture: 1 Chronicles 4:10.



Talk About It

1. What does God care about more than outward appearance?
2. What is the difference between making excuses and repenting?
3. What hidden season might God be using to prepare you?
4. How can you trust God more than your own strength this week?



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Prayer

Father, look at our hearts and keep us humble, honest, and quick to repent. Help us trust You in hidden seasons and depend on Your Spirit instead of our own strength. Thank You for Jesus, our greater King. Let Your hand be with our family and help us follow You. In Jesus' name, amen.

