

GOD'S WORD NEVER FAILS

I have good news. Regardless of our circumstance or struggle God's word will never fail. Throughout the history of Israel, we have seen that those who listen and obey the word of the Lord find favor with God. Those who disregard his word are left to face his discipline. A king is no exception. King Saul repeatedly ignored God's command and did what he wanted to do. God told him he would lose the throne and he did. God established his throne with David just as he said he would. Like Israel we can easily charge ahead with little regard for God's word, but we would be wise to know his Word and obey it. Sometimes our obedience to God's word will not be the easy choice. It will require sacrifice and discomfort, but it will always be worth it. Praise God that Jesus did not waver in his obedience to God's command. He was faithful to the cross because he knew God's word would not fail.

1 Sam 26-27; 1 Chr 8; Acts 18

1 Sam 28-29; 1 Chr 9; Acts 19

1 Sam 30-31; 1 Chr 10; Acts 20

2 Sam 1-2; 1 Chr 11; Ps 96, 106; Acts 21

2 Sam 3-5; 1 Chr 12; Ps 122; Acts 22

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What's the Good News found in this text?

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. How do you cope with knowing that serving the Lord comes with tears, requires humility and could bring trials? How do you obey, knowing that it won't be easy?
2. What is something that would keep you from obeying God? Has God called you to something that you have ignored because of your own comfort?
3. Do you believe that it is more blessed to give than to receive? What evidence in your life supports this? Or does this question bring conviction?
4. Are you tempted to keep a record of wrongs or hold onto bitterness? How should the grace of God shown to us in Jesus affect our hearts? Is there room for revenge or bitterness?
5. If we truly believe that God's Word will never fail, why do we still struggle to obey? What do you need to surrender to the Lord right now?