

A Nation and Its Leader

12– 18 DEC 2017

1 SA 17-31; 2 SA 1-7; PS 18, 52, 54, 57, 59, 63, 142

Week 13 - 37 Weeks to Go

The books of 1 and 2 Samuel are really one story: God finds a man after His own heart to lead his people. Where 1 Samuel shows Israel's transition from God's authority to Saul's irresponsible rule, 2 Samuel documents the transition back to God-honoring leadership under David. The story of Saul is one of good beginnings but ends in abject failure because of his disobedience to God. Jonathan and David remain faithful and loyal friends and David remains faithful to Saul, even though Saul seeks to kill him. David faces hardship, but God promises that David's bloodline will have an everlasting kingdom.

Weekly Reading Plan

Day 1: 1 SA 17:1 – 19:17
Day 2: PS 59; 1 SA 19:18 – 21:15
Day 3: PS 56, 34; 1 SA 22:1-23,
PS 52; 1 SA 23:1-29; PS 63
Day 4: 1 SA 24; PS 57, 142; 1 SA 25
Day 5: PS 54; 1 SA 26:1 – 30:31
Day 6: 1 SA 31; 2 SA 1, PS 18
Day 7: 2 SA 2:1 – 7:29

Outline

David in Saul's Court [Day 1]
David Flees from Saul [Day 2-4]
Seeking God's Guidance [Day 3]
The Death of Saul [Day 5 and 6]
David Becomes King of Israel [Day 7]
Spiritual Triumphs of David [Day 7]

Key Characters

Samuel	Saul
Jonathan	Jesse
David	Goliath
Milcah	Nathan
Joab	Abner
	Absalom

Key Locations

Hebron
Jerusalem
Israel
Gath
Nob
Adullam
Mizpah
Endor

Key Terms

Kingship
Covenant
Champion
Faithfulness
Jealousy

Key Verses

The Lord your God will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my lord, because you fight the Lord's battles and no wrongdoing will be found in you as long as you live. Even though someone is pursuing you to take your life, the life of my lord will be bound securely in the bundle of the living by the Lord your God, but the lives of your enemies he will hurl away as from the pocket of a sling. [1 SA 25:28-29]

“When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom.” [2 SA 7:12]

“Now, O Lord God, You are God, and Your words are truth, and You have promised this good thing to your servant.” [2 SA 7:28]

Chapter Summaries (from @biblesummary)

1Sa17: A Philistine champion named Goliath challenged the Israelites. David killed Goliath with a sling and a stone. The Philistines fled.

1Sa18: Jonathan loved David. Saul set David over the army but became jealous and tried to kill him. David married Saul's daughter Michal.

1Sa19: Jonathan warned David about Saul. David escaped and fled to Samuel. Saul went after David but the Spirit of God made him prophesy.

Ps59: Deliver me from my enemies, O God. Each evening they return, howling like dogs. Destroy them in wrath! You, O God, are my fortress.

1Sa20: David and Jonathan agreed a sign. Saul was angry with Jonathan when David was not at the feast. Jonathan told David, "Go quickly!"

1Sa21: Ahimelech the priest gave David consecrated bread and Goliath's sword. David fled to King Achish of Gath and pretended he was mad.

Ps56: Be gracious to me, O God, for my enemies trample on me. Are my tears not in your book? In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust.

Ps34: O magnify the LORD with me! I sought him and he answered. Taste and see that the LORD is good. He is close to the brokenhearted.

1Sa22: About four hundred men joined David. Saul ordered that all the priests be killed because they helped David. Only Abiathar escaped.

Ps52: Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man? Surely God will bring you down to ruin. But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

1Sa23: David and his men saved Keilah from the Philistines. Saul came to Keilah so David escaped. Saul gave chase but he was called away.

Ps63: O God, you are my God. My soul thirsts for you. Your love is better than life. My lips will sing your praise. Liars will be silenced.

1Sa24: Saul went after David. David cut off a piece of Saul's robe but spared his life. Saul wept and said, "You shall surely be king."

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Ps57: Be merciful to me, O God. I am in the midst of lions. My heart is steadfast, for great is your love. Be exalted above the heavens!

Ps142: I cry out to the LORD! When my spirit is faint, you know my path. Save me from my persecutors! You will deal bountifully with me.

1Sa25: Samuel died. Nabal insulted David so his wife Abigail pleaded for restraint. The LORD struck Nabal dead and David married Abigail.

Ps54: Save me, O God! For strangers have risen against me. God is my helper. He will repay my enemies. I will praise your name, O LORD!

1Sa26: Saul came after David. David took Saul's spear and jug while he slept but spared his life. David called out and Saul blessed him.

1Sa27: David lived among the Philistines to escape Saul. King Achish gave him Ziklag. David secretly raided the land while he lived there.

1Sa28: The Philistines gathered for war. Saul asked a medium to call Samuel. Samuel said, "The LORD will hand you over to the Philistines."

1Sa29: David and his men marched with Achish. The Philistine commanders said, "He will turn against us," so Achish told David to go back.

1Sa30: The Amalekites had raided Ziklag. The LORD told David to pursue them. David and his men rescued the women and divided the spoils.

1Sa31: The Philistines fought Israel. Saul's sons were killed. Saul was badly wounded so he fell on his sword. The Israelites fled.

2Sa1: A man came and told David that Saul and Jonathan were dead. David sang: "The beauty of Israel is slain. How the mighty have fallen!"

Ps18: The LORD is my rock. I called and he thundered from heaven. He rescued me from my enemy. I will praise you among the nations, O LORD!

2Sa2: David was made king of Judah. Abner made Ish-bosheth king of Israel. Their men fought and Abner killed Joab's brother Asahel.

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2Sa3: Abner argued with Ish-bosheth and offered to support David. David asked for his wife Michal. Joab killed Abner and David mourned.

2Sa4: Ish-bosheth lost heart. His captains Rechab and Baanah killed him and took his head to David. David commanded that they be killed.

2Sa5: David was anointed king over Israel. He took Jerusalem and the LORD was with him. The Philistines gathered but David defeated them.

2Sa6: David brought the ark from Judah. Uzzah touched it and was struck down. As the ark came into the city David danced before the LORD.

2Sa7: The LORD said to Nathan, "Tell David: 'I will establish your house. Your son will build my house.'" David prayed, "Who am I, O LORD?"

Big Ideas in 2 SAMUEL

God establishes a covenant with David and promises an everlasting dynasty through David's descendants

Though God forgives sin, sometimes consequences from actions remain

No sin is so grave that God won't forgive it

The abuse of power can have broad effects



Source: The NIV Quickview Bible - www.thequickviewbible.com

Big Ideas in PSALMS

God is the Shepherd and the Warrior who saves his people from their oppressors

God is the great, eternal, perfect and powerful King who is worthy of praise

God is patient, just, merciful, forgiving and good

People are free to express their joy and their pain to God because he is compassionate and understanding

God blesses the righteous; the wicked will perish



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PSALMS

Torah & Messiah Lament & Praise Faith & Hope

[150 Hebrew Poems]
 DAVID (73) HEHAN & ERHAN (2)
 ASAPH (12) SOLOMON & MASS (3)
 SONS OF KORAH (11) ANONYMOUS (47)

MANY WRITTEN FOR CHOIR... BUT NOT A HYMNBOOK
(SEE 1 CHRONICLES 15 & MATTHEW 11:17-21)

THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL BE BLESSED FOREVER, AMEN AND AMEN

PSALMS: THE PRAYERBOOK OF ISRAEL
WHICH ARE MEANT TO BE ORDERED TO THE TORAH AND CHANTING FOR THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

BOOK 1
LAMENT & PRAISE
3-41

- 1 BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO FEDERATES ON THE TORAH
- PSALMS - 1 HELD TORAH ABOUT TORAH
- 2 METRIC REFLECTION ON 2 SAMUEL 7
- BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN THE KINGDOM

BOOK 2
72-89

- 42-72 HOPE FOR A FUTURE RETURN TO THE TEMPLE IN ZION
- 70 FUTURE REIGN OF THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM
- 72-89 PROPHECY OF GOD'S PROMISE TO JERUSALEM (EX 72:17-19; 40:18:3 & 72:17)

BOOK 3
90-106

- 67 PROMISE OF A MESSIANIC KINGDOM
- EXILE & DOWNFALL OF DAVID'S KINGDOM
- 67-71 ONLY PRAYET DON'T FORGET YOUR TORAH

BOOK 4
107-145

- 90-106 THE LORD REIGNS AS KING
- 97-106 LET THE HEAVS GLORIFY & LET THE THUNDERING & RAINING & STORMING

BOOK 5
PRAISE & LAMENT
146-150

- 146 THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM REIGNS
- 147 THE HALLEL
- 148 PSALM 119 TORAH
- 149 THE SONGS OF ASCENTS
- 150 THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM REIGNS

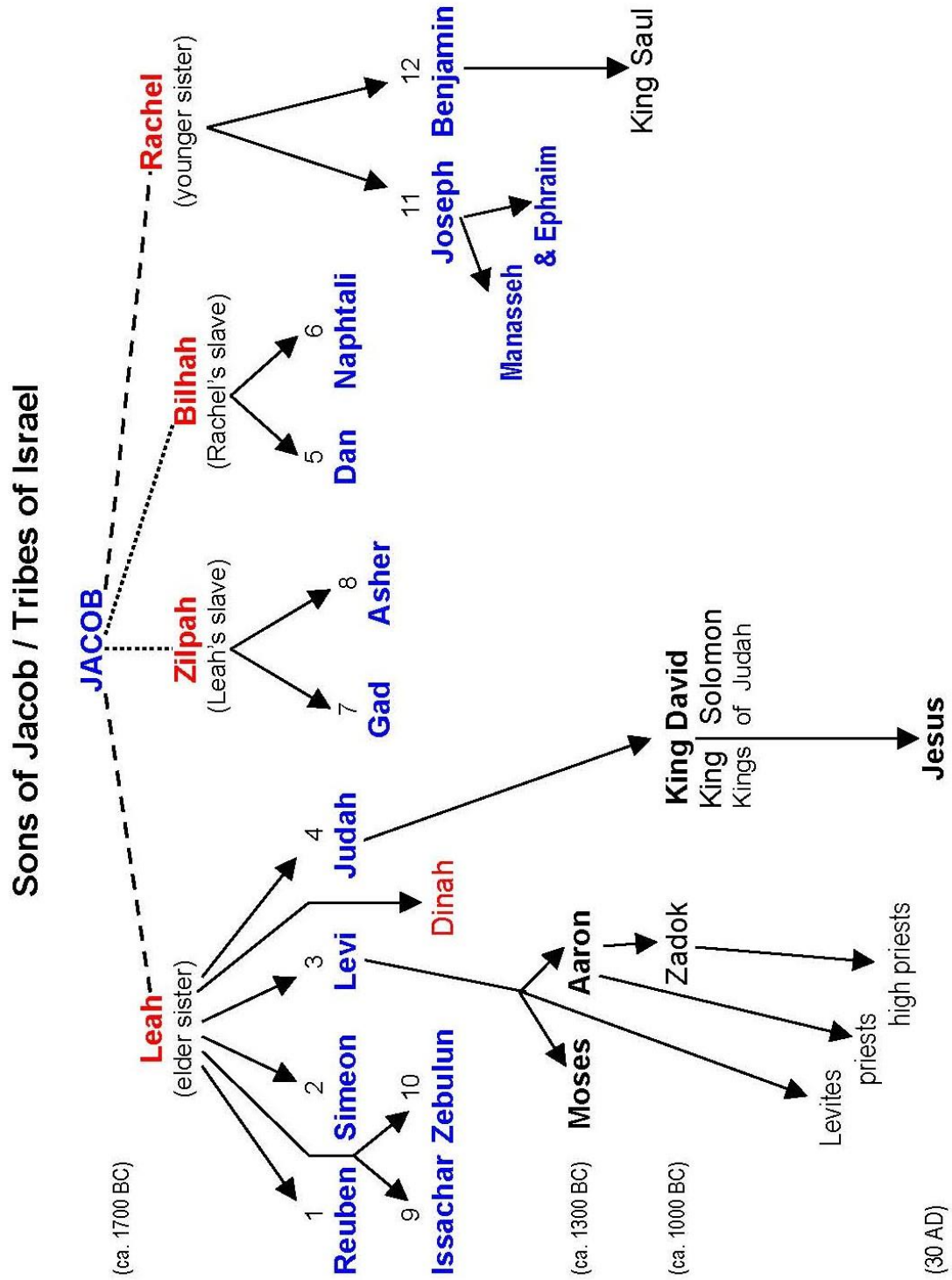
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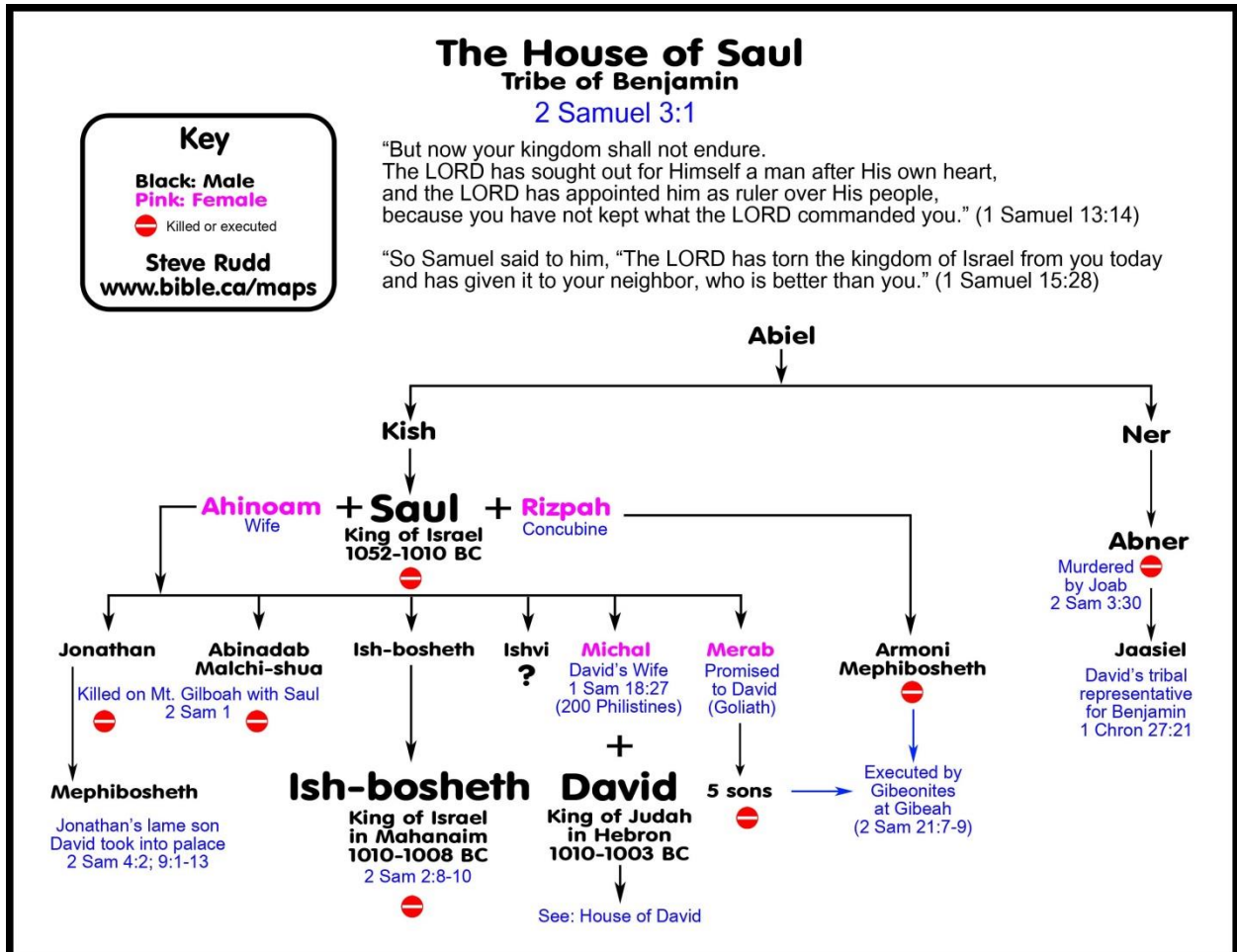
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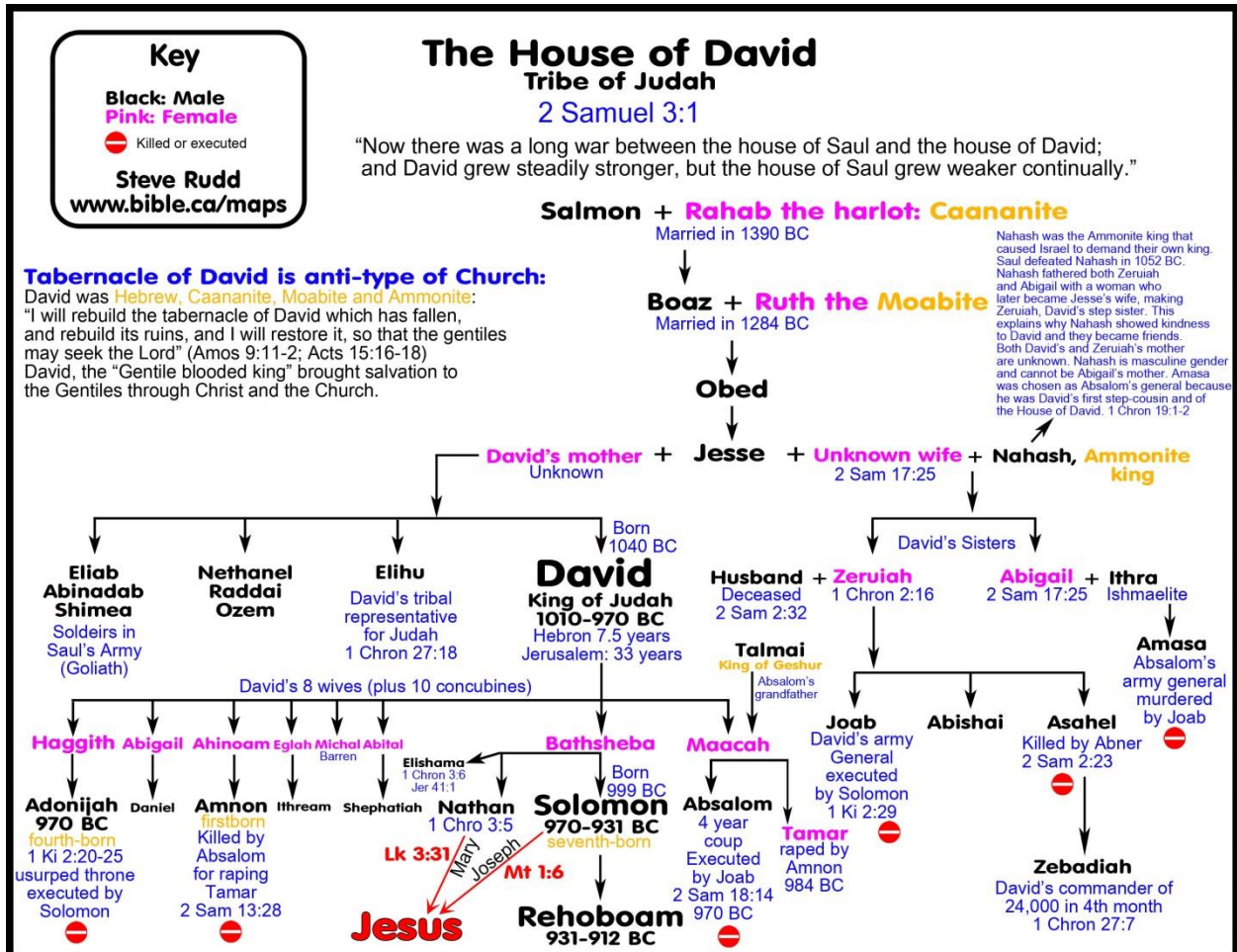
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Tabernacle of David is anti-type of Church:

David was Hebrew, Caananite, Moabite and Ammonite:
"I will rebuild the tabernacle of David which has fallen, and rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, so that the gentiles may seek the Lord" (Amos 9:11-2; Acts 15:16-18)
David, the "Gentile blooded king" brought salvation to the Gentiles through Christ and the Church.

Nahash was the Ammonite king that caused Israel to demand their own king. Saul defeated Nahash in 1052 BC. Nahash fathered both Zeruiah and Abigail with a woman who later became Jesse's wife, making Zeruiah, David's step sister. This explains why Nahash showed kindness to David and they became friends. Both David's and Zeruiah's mother are unknown. Nahash is masculine gender and cannot be Abigail's mother. Amasa was chosen as Absalom's general because he was David's first step-cousin and of the House of David. 1 Chron 19:1-2

Israel's 2nd King — King David

[1 Samuel 16; 2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 11-29]

Samuel anointed David as God's choice for Israel's 2nd king long before David was given the opportunity to rule as King of Israel.

King Saul's jealousy and fear drove him to stalk David with the intent of killing him. David generously passed up several opportunities to kill Saul because Saul had been chosen by God.

Saul committed suicide during a losing battle with the Philistines and David became King of Israel. David drove out the Philistines.

David conquered the Canaanite city of Jerusalem and established Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. David lived in Jerusalem and brought the Tabernacle from Shiloh to Jerusalem.

King David was Israel's greatest king and "a man after God's own heart." David consulted God, worshipped God and fought for God.

King David was not perfect. He slept with another man's wife (Bathsheba) then had the man killed. Her 2nd son was Solomon.

God told David to pass over his older sons and to make Solomon Israel's next king.

Covenant #4: The Davidic Covenant

God promised David that the Messiah would enter the world through one of David's descendants.



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Notes for Discussion

What did I learn about God?

What did I learn about human nature?

How does what I read apply to my life and my relationship with God?

Insights about the time and/or customs?

Other thoughts

We won't be discussing in class this week, but still food for thought!

What did I learn about God?

- Why is Uzzah's act in moving the ark (2 SA 6) irreverent? What do you think of Uzzah's punishment for his act? Too harsh? Scary? Fair? Other? What does God's anger to this irreverence say about God's holiness?
- In PS 57, David turns to the Lord in time of crisis. Although he may not have realized why God was allowing him to suffer, he did understand what God wanted from him in his suffering. A Christian who has just lost a child bitterly asks, "How can a good God allow this?" What would you say? Is praising God when you don't feel like it hypocrisy or a matter of obedience?
- In PS 59, what comfort and hope does David draw from the promise of God's personal and world-wide judgement? What does judgement show about God's view of injustice in the world? What would it mean if God did not judge evil?

What did I learn about human nature?

- What motivated David to fight Goliath (1 SA 17:25-27)? What's at stake for the victor? For Israel? What reasoning did David use to persuade Saul to let him fight Goliath (1 SA 17:32-37)? Would it have persuaded you? What Goliaths are there in society – defying God and Christians?
- What do you see as Saul's worst problem in 1 SA 18? His jealousy? His torment by an evil spirit? His fear? Being separated from God? His temper? Other?
- What do you think was the secret to the friendship of David and Jonathon? Common interests? Loyalty? Affection? Trust? Problems they went through together? What quality do you think is most important in a friend?
- In Psalm 63, David says he is seeking God. What does it mean to seek God? How does a person seek God? What is the difference between having God as a slice of life versus having God permeate every part of life?
- When David felt severe, life-threatening trial in Ps. 142, he turned to God. Does praying in faith mean that we believe that God will deliver us from a trial or that He is able to deliver us?

What did I learn about my life/relationship with God?

- Is your attitude toward the "giants" that are drawn up against you more like Saul's or David's? What larger missionary purpose might be accomplished for God if you would turn that battle over to the Lord?
- How do you define success in your life? What motivates you to try to be "successful"?
- In your worship, do you tend to treat God more with reverential awe or familiarity? Is it easy or hard for you to say "I love you Lord"? When are you most aware of God's love for you?
- What promises of God do you lean on in hard times? PS 57:5 expresses faith in hard times; Ps 57:11 expresses joy after deliverance. Which context is yours right now?