WEEK SIX

David Part IV

**Ezekiel 18:32**

For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn *yourselves*, and live ye.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: Time of day:

Weekly memory verse – Ezekiel 18:32 Time spent in prayer:

Read – I Samuel 31

Examine –

1. Who is fighting against Israel?
2. Why do you think Israel is losing the battle? (Hint: Review last week's devos)
3. Who died in v.2? (List by name)
4. How was Saul wounded?
5. What did Saul ask his armor bearer to do?
6. Why did Saul make this request?
7. Did Saul's armor bearer do what he asked?
8. How did Saul die?
9. How did Saul's armor bearer respond to Saul's death?
10. Why do you think Saul's armor bearer killed himself?
11. How did the Israelites respond to Saul's death in v. 7?
12. What did the Israelites forsake?
13. Who inhabited them?
14. What were the Philistines doing when they found Saul's body?
15. Where did the Philistines publish the news of Saul's death?
16. What did the Philistines do with Saul's armor?
17. What did they do with his body?
18. From what city were the men who went and took down Saul's body?
19. How does the Bible describe these men?

Bonus - Why do you think this city had such respect for Saul? (Must have Scriptural support)

Apply-

Sin not only hurts you but it hurts those around you that you love and care about. Saul's disobedience has finally resulted in not only his own death but the death of his sons including Jonathan who was a man of great character and one who feared God. Who will be affected by your sin?

This battle gave cause for the Philistines to glorify their gods whom they thought had defeated Israel's God. This is another result of sin in the life of a believer. Is there sin in your life that is giving those in the world around you a reason not to trust in God?

Prayer

Praise

Date: Time of day:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – Ezekiel 18:32 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 1

Examine –

1. According to verse 1, who had David just defeated?
2. How long did David stay in Ziklag after defeating the Amalekites?
3. What had the man from Saul's camp done to his clothes and his head?
4. What did this signify?
5. What news did he bring to David?
6. What two people did he specify had died?
7. What did David ask him in verse 5?
8. According to verses 8, what was this man?
9. What did the Amalekite take from Saul to bring to David?
10. What was David's reaction in verse 11-12?
11. What did David ask the Amalekite in verse 14?
12. How did David refer to Saul?
13. What did David do to this man for killing Saul?
14. What did David teach the children of Judah?
15. What did David say was slain?
16. Who had fallen?
17. Why did he not want it published in the land of the Philistines?
18. What did David say about Jonathan's bow and Saul's sword?
19. How did he describe Saul and Jonathan?
20. Why did he tell the daughters of Israel to weep?
21. For whom was David distressed?
22. What does David call Jonathan in verse 26?
23. How did David describe his love for Jonathan?
24. How does David describe Saul and Jonathan in verse 27?

Apply

David continued to respect and honor Saul as the Lord's anointed king of Israel even after he repeatedly tried to kill him. Even after Saul's death David did not rejoice but rather mourned for him. Are you respectful to your authorities even when you disagree with them?

Do you encourage others to respect their authorities or are you a listening ear to their griping and complaining?

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time of day:

Weekly memory verse – Ezekiel 18:32 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 2:1-17

Examine –

1. What did David ask the Lord?
2. What was God's answer?
3. What city did he go to?
4. Who did David take with him?
5. Who came to David in verse 4?
6. What did they do to David?
7. What news did they tell David in verse 4?
8. Why did David bless the men of Jabeshgilead?
9. What did David encourage them to do in verse 7?
10. Who was Abner?
11. Who did Abner make king of Israel?
12. How old was Ishbosheth?
13. How long did he reign?
14. How long did David reign over Judah?
15. Where did Abner and Joab meet?
16. Who was Joab (In relation to David)?
17. Who won the battle that day?

Apply-

David gets direction from God each step of the way but conflict still follows him. We sometimes think that when a victory is won that there will be no new ones to fight but David will find that to not be true. Will you be strong and “fight” for God?

Prayer

Praise

Date: Time of day:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – Ezekiel 18:32 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 2:18-32

Examine –

1. How many sons of Zeruiah were there?
2. Who were they?
3. Who was the fast one of the bunch?
4. Who did he go after and how?
5. What did Abner want him to do?
6. Did Abner want to kill him?
7. What reason did he give?
8. Where did he smite him?
9. What happened to him?
10. What affect did this have on others in the battle?
11. What time of day was it in verse 24?
12. What stopped the battle?
13. What did Abner and his men do after the battle?
14. How many of David’s men died?
15. How many of Abner’s men died?
16. Where was Asahel buried?
17. What did Joab and his men do?
18. When did they arrive at Hebron?

Apply-

Apparently Asahel did not have any armor on as he ran after Abner. It is always dangerous to engage in a fight without being properly protected. Ephesians 6:10-18 tells us to put on our armor – are you armed today?

If a battle happens this week, will you go into the battle unprotected? Did you last week?

The result could be deadly!

Prayer

Praise

Date: Time of day:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – Ezekiel 18:32 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 3:1-21

Examine –

1. How does the Bible describe the war in verse 1?
2. What was happening to David?
3. What was happening to Saul? (This is referring to Saul’s house)
4. What did David have in Hebron? How many?
5. Who made himself strong for the house of Saul?
6. What did Ishbosheth accuse Abner of doing?
7. What was Abner’s response to this?
8. What would he do for David?
9. What could Ishbosheth not do and why?
10. What message did Abner send to David?

It appears that Ishbosheth is just a puppet king but Abner is really ruling everything!

1. What was David’s requirement to make a league?
2. Where was she now?
3. What did her current husband do?
4. What did Abner say to him?

Sin has far reaching consequences! This guy did nothing wrong (At least not recorded in Scripture) and apparently he loved her but Saul’s choices had touched another family for evil. They had sons (There is some disagreement about this – I Samuel 21:8) in that home that now had to do without their mother. How far will your sin take you?

1. Who did Abner talk to about David being King?
2. How many men did Abner bring with him to Hebron?
3. What did David do for him?
4. What was Abner going to do for David?
5. How did David send him away?

Apply-

I ask you again – how far will your sin take you? How many people will you affect before you are done?

Do things God’s way; it is always best!

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time of day:

Weekly memory verse – Ezekiel 18:32 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 3:22-39

Examine –

1. Was Joab present when David made peace with Abner?
2. What did they bring in?
3. Was Joab pleased with David?
4. What accusation did Joab make against Abner?
5. What did Joab do when he left the king?
6. Was David aware of this?
7. What did Joab do to Abner?
8. Why did he do this?
9. What did David declare when he heard about the murder?
10. What did the king and all the people do?
11. What did David do as a sign of mourning for Abner?
12. What is a bier?
13. How did he die?
14. What did David not do until the sun went down?
15. What did the people know as a result of all this?
16. What did he think of Abner?
17. What was David this day though he was anointed King?
18. What would happen to the sons of Zeruiah?

Bonus: See I Chronicles 2:15-17 to see the relation between David and these men.

Apply-

Bitterness reigned in Joab’s heart and he purposed to get Abner for what he had done. David on the other had forgiven Abner for all that he had gone through. Remember that Abner was part of Saul’s army that chased him for years. Will you forgive or destroy? Is it your right to hurt others because of past offenses? Ephesians says to forgive as God forgave us. Purpose to allow God’s forgiveness to rule your heart!

Prayer

Praise

Date: Time of day:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – Ezekiel 18:32 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 4:1-12

Examine –

1. What was Ishbosheth’s reaction to Abner’s death?
2. What was Israel’s reaction?
3. Who had a son according to verse 4?
4. What happened to him?
5. When did this happen?
6. What is his name?
7. What position did these two men in verse 5 hold? (Verse 2)
8. What time of day was this?
9. What did they act like they were doing?
10. What did they do to the Ishbosheth?
11. To whom did they bring the head?
12. What did they call Ishbosheth when they presented to David the head?
13. What story does David relay to these guys?
14. What does David call Ishbosheth?
15. What did they do to them? (3 things)

Bonus – Did they hang the bodies or just the hands and feet? (Verses please)

Apply-

We are quickly introduced to Jonathan’s son (We will see more later) in this passage. The main part deals with men who thought by killing the king they would earn David’s favor but just as the man who claimed to kill Saul learned David was not a man of revenge but of mercy. However, these men paid the price for their sin immediately. David called Ishbosheth a righteous man. One author stated that this showed David’s love for Saul’s family though Saul hunted him. David demonstrated to the people that he indeed was a fair man and ready to rule. How do you handle your enemies?

What could people learn about you if they watched you interact with those who had done you wrong?

Prayer

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