WEEK TEN

David VIII

Proverbs 24:10

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: Time of day:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 24:10 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 15:30-37

Examine –

1. What way did David leave Jerusalem?
2. What three things describe David’s emotional state as he went?
3. What were the people doing?
4. Who was with Absalom?
5. What did David want God to do to this man’s counsel?
6. Who met David and what had he done?
7. What did David want this man to do?
8. Whose counsel would he defeat?
9. Who was in the city on David’s side?
10. What were they to do with any information gathered?
11. How would David get the word?
12. What were the boy’s names?
13. What does the Bible call Hushai?
14. What city did he enter?
15. Who else arrived there?

Apply-

Men’s true colors are showing and that will continue. Would you be willing to risk your life for a friend (Assuming the friend was doing right)?

Would you be willing to risk your children’s lives for a friend?

This is a great picture of what Jesus (The friend that sticks closer than a brother) has asked us to do. He asked us to risk our lives, and yes our families, sometimes for the Gospel. Are you willing?

Prayer

Praise

Date: Time of day:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 24:10 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 16:1-4; II Samuel 19:24-30

Examine –

1. Who met David and where?
2. What did he bring him?
3. What did the king want to know in verse 3?
4. What did Ziba tell the King?
5. What did David give to Ziba?

*Let’s look now to II Samuel 19:24-30*

* David is arriving back in Jerusalem after the defeat of the rebellion:

1. Who comes to meet David?
2. What had he not done since David had departed? (3 things)
3. What did David want to know?
4. Who did he say had deceived him?
5. Why was he dependant on others?
6. What had Ziba done to him?
7. What does Mephibosheth call David?
8. What could the king do to him?
9. What does Mephibosheth recognize and tell David?
10. What did he have no right to do?
11. What was to happen to their land?
12. What was Mephibosheth willing to do and why?

Apply-

It is obvious that someone is lying and from the response of the two men I would say that it was Ziba. Mephibosheth has all the signs of truthfulness. Regardless the question is the same – do you deceive, lie or “work it out” to get your way?

You just remember that God sees all (Proverbs 15:3).

Prayer

Praise

Date: Time of day:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 24:10 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 16:5-14

Examine –

1. Who came out to David?
2. What did he do to David? (2 things)
3. What kind of people are on the right hand and left?
4. What two things does he call David?
5. What did he say the Lord had returned upon him?
6. In what was David taken, according to the curse?

A couple of things come to mind immediately as you read this story: 1) This guy is not too bright seeing that David has a sizable army still attached to him. 2) What had David done to the house of Saul? Nothing – as a matter of fact David had worked hard at not retaliating against them. The real issue is in the statement that David was sitting on Saul’s throne. Remember though that Saul had given that right up as a result of disobedience. David’s attitude towards this man is interesting!

1. Who begins to talk?
2. What does he call Shimei?
3. What did he want to do to him?
4. David assumes that this cursing is from whom?
5. What was the big concern at the moment?
6. What could the Lord do as a result of the cursing?
7. What else was Shimei doing that we learn in verse 13?
8. What was the physical state of the King and people?
9. What did they do in this unknown place?

* It could have been Bahurim but we are not sure!
* Bonus: Where was Bahurim and what else in relation to this rebellion happened there?

Apply-

Shimei was acting like a little child throwing a fit. (Rock throwing, dust throwing and calling names) Have you ever felt like or did throw a fit?

Why do people throw fits?

Isn’t it because we did not get **OUR** way? As foolish as this looks, it looks the same when you or I do it. Ask God to reveal to you when you are selfish and want your way. Don’t hurt others in the process – people may not be as patience as David!

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time of day:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 24:10 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 16:15-23

Examine –

1. Who came to Jerusalem?
2. Who was with him?
3. Who met Absalom?
4. What did he say?
5. What does Absalom want to know from him?
6. What is his answer to Absalom?
7. Who would Hushai serve?
8. Who gives the first bit of counsel?
9. What should he do?
10. What would Israel understand by this act?
11. What would be the result of this?
12. Where did this happen?
    * This is a fulfillment of II Samuel 12:11-12 – David’s sin is still reaping consequences and so are others. These ladies had nothing to do with the sin. This act shows the debauchery of Absalom as well!
13. How powerful was the counsel of Ahithophel?
14. Was that just with Absalom?

This is a tough verse to deal with and I am not sure that I can give a good answer. A straight defining of the terms means a man had enquired at the Word of God. If it were not for the last phrase in this verse then we could assume that this word was the fulfillment of II Samuel 12:11-12 and therefore be God’s Word, but since it was not just referring to this counsel it is hard. One author states “the words of counsel which Ahithophel gave were given credence as though they came directly from God, so highly regarded was his wisdom.” Bible Knowledge Commentary – Pg 472 That makes the most since to me.

Apply-

If Ahithophel’s counsel was that powerful then Hushai had his job cut out for him. Perhaps this is why he says nothing on this first bit of counsel. Some of you like to help (counsel) others and that is not bad but do you realize the responsibility of that?

James 3:1 warns us that we will receive a greater condemnation if we flippantly speak God’s Word. Make sure you indeed have the mind of God when speaking.

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time of day:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 24:10 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 17:1-10

Examine –

1. How many men did Ahithophel want?
2. What did he want to do?
3. What did he assume would be the state of the King?
   * He would have been somewhat right according to 16:14.
4. What would happen to the people?
5. What would he do to David?
6. Who would he bring back to Absalom?

To believe that David’s mighty men would forsake him was either “brutish” or just plain ignorant. You would be hard pressed to find a group of more loyal men and David was not a bad warrior in his own right. Nevertheless David was in a vulnerable position and Hushai knew this.

1. How was the saying received?
2. Who else was called to give his counsel?
3. What did Absalom tell him and what did he want to know?
4. What was Hushai’s initial response?
5. How does he describe David’s men?
6. What is their mental state and what does he use as an example?
7. What is David?
8. What would he not do?
9. Where would David be?
10. What would happen to Absalom’s men when they faced an initial defeat?
11. How does he describe Israel’s men?
12. What would happen to them?
13. What two things does Israel know?

* If you want some extra reading on David’s mighty men, you can read I Chronicles 11:10-25. These were pretty incredible warriors!

Apply-

Hushai uses incredible wisdom here – he says nothing that everyone listening does not already know. I believe he planted some doubt in the men’s minds right now – I wonder if the conversations later that night were about some of the incredible battles David and those elite soldiers had fought. When someone begins to doubt then half the battle is won! Is Satan causing doubt in your mind about what God says or does?

Use the Word of God to fight back against these doubts! He would love to defeat you before the battle even begins!

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time of day:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 24:10 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 17:11-20

Examine –

1. What does he suggest to overcome the problem of David’s army?
2. Who should lead them into battle?
3. How should they “light” on him?
4. How many would be left?
5. What will happen if he is in a city?
6. Whose counsel was better?
7. Why did God do this?
8. What did God want to do to Absalom?
9. Who did Hushai tell about his counsel?
10. What was his advice to David?
11. Where were the boys and why?
12. Who told them the information?
    * The word Wench means a maid or a slave girl.
13. What did they do with the information?
14. Who saw them and what did he do?
15. To what city did they come? (That sounds familiar)
16. Where did they hide?
17. How did they hide the boys?
18. Where did the women say the boys had gone?
19. Did they find them?
20. What did they do after searching?

Apply-

When God is working against you it is impossible to win. **Acts 5:38-39** *And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.* But if you are on God’s side… that is a different story. **Romans 8:31** *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*  Whose side do you want to be on? Whose side are you on?

Prayer

Praise

Main thought to meditate on today:

Date: Time of day:

Weekly memory verse – Proverbs 24:10 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 17:21-29

Examine –

1. After the men returned to Jerusalem (yesterday’s story), what did the boys do?
2. What river did they pass over?
3. What time of day was it?
4. Did they lose any people?
5. What did Ahithophel do? (Put the events in order – there are 6-7 of them)
6. To what city did David arrive?

**Bonus** – Whose capital had this been in the past? (Scriptural support is needed)

1. Where was Absalom?
2. Who did Absalom make captain?
3. Who was his father?

* He would have been David’s nephew.

1. Where did Israel camp?
2. What three men brought David supplies?

There are some interesting story lines among these men: Shobi was brother to the man who David tried to show kindness to and he rejected and David’s army beat (II Samuel 10:1); Machir was the man keeping Mephibosheth when David found him and showed kindness (II Samuel 9:5). David, in this case, is reaping some good seed he had sowed.

1. List all that these men brought of their own stuff:
2. Why did they bring it?

Apply-

This would have been quite costly for these men. Are you a giver?

**Luke 6:38** *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

You cannot out give God!

Prayer

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