WEEK Twelve

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**I Corinthians 4:2**

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

I COR. 10:31

Date: Time of day:

Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 4:2 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 21

Examine –

1. What natural disaster occurred in v. 1?
2. How long did this last?
3. How did David respond?
4. Why did the Lord say He sent the famine?
5. Whom did the King call in v. 2?
6. Who are the Gibeonites?

* Bonus: What promise did the Israelites make to the Gibeonites? (Provide reference)

1. Who sought to slay them?
2. Why did David desire to make atonement with the Gibeonites?
3. What did the Gibeonites say they did not want?
4. What did they require?
5. Whom did David spare?
6. Why?
7. David took 2 sons of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and 5 sons of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. When did this story take place?
9. What did Rizpah do with the sackcloth?
10. How long did she leave it out?
11. How much effort did this take? Explain.
12. In vs. 11, who found out about what Rizpah did?
13. Whose bones did David go get from Jabesh-gilead?
14. Why were they in Jabesh-gilead?
15. What did David do with the bones of Saul, Jonathan, and the 7 men killed by the Gibeonites?
16. What nation continued to war with Israel in v. 15, 18, 19, & 20?
17. Who was killed in v. 17? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ v. 18? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ v. 19? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

v. 20-21? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What did these 4 men have in common?

Apply:

1. Had Joshua and the Israelites sought God's counsel in Joshua 9 when the Gibeonites deceived them David would not have been put in this difficult situation in which 7 men lost their lives. There is no doubt David's courage and dependence on God inspired others to oppose Goliath’s sons who also defied the Living God. We must realize that the choices we make today have a lasting affect on others that we know and even affect others in our future that we may never know. Are you seeking Godly counsel in the choices you are making today?
2. David continues to honor his former authority, Saul, by giving him and his sons a respectful burial. Do you respect your authorities even when you don't understand them or even when they are wrong?

Prayer

Praise

Date: Time of day:

Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 4:2 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 22

Examine –

* + 1. Who is speaking in this chapter?
    2. To whom is he speaking?
    3. This chapter is referred to as the words of this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
    4. What had the Lord done for David?
    5. How does David refer to the Lord in v. 2? (3)
    6. How does David refer to God in v. 3? (6)
    7. How does David describe the Lord in v. 4?
    8. Summarize David's condition in v. 5-6.
    9. What did David do in v. 7?
    10. What did the Lord do in v. 7?
    11. Summarize in a complete sentence the Lord's attitude toward David's enemies in v. 8-16
    12. What did the Lord do for David in v. 17-20?
    13. What is the meaning of the word “stay” in v. 19? (look it up)
    14. According to v. 21-28 why did the Lord deliver and reward David?
    15. How do James 4:6 and 1 Peter 5:5 parallel these verses?
    16. How is the Lord described in v. 29?
    17. What did David say he was able to do with the Lord's strength?
    18. How does David describe the way of God?
    19. How does David describe the Word of the Lord?
    20. What is a “buckler”?
    21. List 1 thing about God from each of the following verses.  
        v. 32 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ v. 33 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
        v. 34 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ v. 35 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
        v. 36 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ v. 37 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
        v. 40 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ v. 44 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    22. What does David say about the Lord's state of being in v. 47?
    23. Who does David say avenges and delivers him?
    24. What are David’s two responses to this deliverance?
    25. Among whom will David give thanks to God?

Apply:

Are you giving thanks to and praising God for His working in your life? Take some time to write a brief psalm or song of praise to the Lord.

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Read – II Sam 23:1-7

Examine –

1. What is significant about this 7 verse Psalm of David?
2. What four descriptions are given for David in v. 1?
3. Who spake by David?
4. Whose words were in his tongue?
5. What other description is given for the “God of Israel”?
6. What can we learn about the Holy Spirit from v. 2-3?
7. What two qualification are given for someone (such as a king) ruling over men?
8. How does v. 4 describe how this ruler should be characterized?
9. Was David's house like this description?
10. Why or Why not?
11. What did God do in spite of David not following these characterizations?
12. What adjective does David use to describe God's covenant with Him?
13. What two characteristics does David give of the covenant?
14. In what two ways does David describe his attitude toward this covenant?
15. How does David describe the wicked?
16. What will happen to them?
17. How does David say they have to be handled?
18. Why do you think this is?
19. What is the ultimate fate of the wicked according to v. 7?

Apply:

Some are more prominent leaders than others but we all have someone watching and following us. Are you cultivating the characteristics listed in this passage?

Are you just? Do you fear God? Could you be described as refreshing or are you more like a prickly thorn bush that has to be handled very carefully?

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Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 4:2 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Sam 23:8-39

Examine –

1. What group of people is listed in this passage?
2. Read through this passage and list these 37 men.  
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3. How many men did Adino slay at one time?
4. What happened to Eleazar's hand?
5. What did Shammah do?
6. What did David long for when he was in the cave of Adullam?
7. What did these three mighty men do for him?
8. What was David's reaction?
9. Why?
10. Who was Abishai's brother?
11. How many did he slay at one time?
12. For what three things was Benaiah known?
13. Who is the last mighty man mentioned?  
    Bonus: How did this man die? (Give Scripture)

Apply:

These men demonstrated some great courage and loyalty for David. Could you be listed in Pastor Ogle's list of “mighty teens”? This doesn't mean that you are better than other teens but are you a loyal encourager of your Youth Pastor? Your team leader? What sacrifice have you made this year for your Pastor?

Prayer

Praise

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Main thought to meditate on today:

Weekly memory verse – I Corinthians 4:2 Time spent in prayer:

Read – II Samuel 24:1-14 (We will also reference I Chronicles 21:1-13)

Examine –

1. What was kindled against Israel?
2. Who is the “he” in verse 1? (See also I Chronicles 21:1)
3. What did David do?
4. Who did David call to do the job?
5. What two cities were used as the boundaries?
6. What was Joab’s response to this order?
7. Whose word prevailed?
8. According to verse 8, how long did it take to complete the job?
9. How many total men were there in Israel according to verse 9?
10. How many men according to I Chronicles 21:5?
11. According to I Chronicles 21:6, what men were not counted and why?

Why the discrepancy in numbers? Several things could explain this: 1) In the II Samuel passage he uses the word “valiant” men. This word means that they had ability and efficiency. So he could have left out those soldiers who were new or inexperienced and added them in the other count. 2) I Chronicles 21:6 puts the whole count in suspicion because it does not appear that Joab wanted to do a good job anyway. 3) The passage in II Samuel uses the words that “drew swords”. This could have left out men who did other jobs in the army. The count would be somewhere between 1.3 and 1.6 million men!

1. What happened after David number the people?
2. David calls this act \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Who delivered God’s message to David?
4. How many options did God offer David?
5. What were the options?
6. What is the difference in the passage in I Chronicles?

* This is attributed to a different rendering in the Hebrew text!

1. What did David choose?
2. Why did he choose this?

Apply-

This was probably a sin of pride but we do know that God was displeased and David thought it was foolish. We have all done foolish things and we must fall at the mercy of God, which is a good place to be. Have you asked Him for mercy in the last few days?

Prayer

Praise

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Read – II Samuel 24:15-25 (We will also reference I Chronicles 21:14-30)

Examine –

1. What did God send upon the people?
2. How many people died?
3. In what city did God stop his judgment?
4. Where was the angel of the Lord?

* The names are spelled differently but it is the same man as the one in I Chronicles 21:15. In the Hebrew language it was common to use different spellings of the same name.

1. Who did David say had sinned?
2. Who is David concerned about and what does he call them?
3. Who does David want God to punish?

* You can choose your sin but you cannot choose your consequences!

1. Who came to him again?
2. What was David to do to stop the plague?
3. According to the I Chronicles passage, who else was with Araunah?
4. According to the I Chronicles passage, what was he doing when the Angel arrived?
5. What did he do as David approached?
6. What did David want to do and for what purpose?
7. What did Araunah offer to David to help with the sacrifice?
8. Did Araunah want any money?
9. What did David not want to offer to the Lord?
10. How much did he pay for the Oxen?

* The price of the threshing floor is not mentioned here but in the I Chronicles passage.

1. According to the I Chronicles passage, how much did David pay for the Threshing floor?
2. What did David build there?
3. Did the plague stop?

* Many believe that this place was the place of the new Temple and I Chronicles 22 seems to bear that out.

Apply-

Are you offering to God without sacrifice? Many today are willing to give God something as long as it doesn’t make them uncomfortable or inconvenient. Is that your attitude?

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Read – Review

Examine and Apply – Choose 10 stories from II Samuel that you learned some truths from and write a Newspaper headline in the first blank and the lesson you learned in the second blank:

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