

Following After God's Heart

2 Samuel - Chapters 5 & 6

Looking Back...

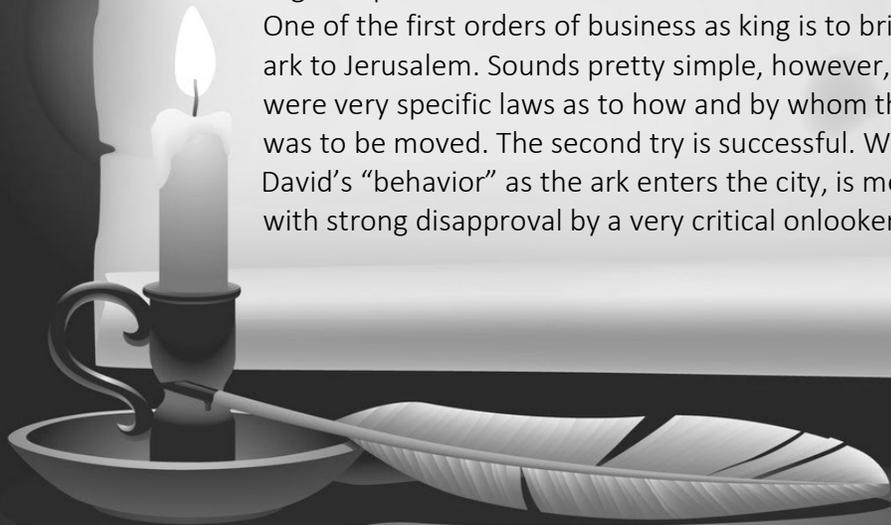
God makes it perfectly clear that His people were to be governed by "one" king and that would not be Ish-bosheth! When things grow increasingly hopeless, Abner turns his loyalty toward David, but meets a tragic end by the hand of Joab. Revenge is the motivating factor in Abner's murder and David will have no part in it! As if one murder isn't enough, Ish-bosheth's life is taken at the hands of two "self-seekers" looking for a reward. Ironically, King David saw the situation differently... instead of reward – **DEATH!**

It makes you wonder how things could have turned out differently if Abner and Ish-bosheth had submitted to God's will from the beginning. We cause so much pain and suffering when we rebel against God!

Looking Ahead...

So many years ago, Samuel anointed David as the future king of Israel, and NOW the time has come for him to take his rightful place on the throne.

One of the first orders of business as king is to bring the ark to Jerusalem. Sounds pretty simple, however, there were very specific laws as to how and by whom the ark was to be moved. The second try is successful. Whew!! David's "behavior" as the ark enters the city, is met with strong disapproval by a very critical onlooker. ☹



This week's Memory verse is Matthew 23:12. Begin memorizing the verse(s) today. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you memorize this passage and for opportunities to apply it...

"Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."

Matthew 23:12

Write out Matthew 23:12: _____

Write this verse(s) on your index cards... keep one with you and post the other one in a prominent place.

DAY ONE

Pray, and read **2 Samuel 5:1-10**

1. **Who** came to David at Hebron and **how** did *they* identify themselves? (v.1) _____

A. Where did this expression “originate”? (Genesis 2:23) _____

1. In regard to **David’s men**... what do you understand this statement to mean:

** physically: _____

** emotionally: _____

2. Even though Saul was their king “previously”, what do these men give credit to David for accomplishing? (v.2a) _____

A. Did these people *understand* WHO actually led David? (v.2b) Explain _____

“Once again we are informed of a prophetic pronouncement which we have not come across previously. We are told that YHWH had said to him, “You shall be shepherd of My people Israel, and you shall be prince (nagid=war-leader) over Israel.” The idea of the king as a shepherd was commonplace in the Ancient Near East, and was added here by the fact that David had been a competent shepherd. To be nagid over Israel was to be YHWH’s deputy. YHWH was King, His representative was a nagid. This term had been used by Samuel of Saul (1 Samuel 9:16; 1 Samuel 10:1), and is later initially used of Solomon (1 Kings 1:35)” Pete Pett

3. According to v.3, what **covenant** was made between King David and the people... *before the LORD*?

A. How old was David when he was anointed as king over all 12 tribes of Israel? (v.4) _____

1. David reigned for a total of forty years. How was his reign “split” at Hebron? (v.5)

** in Judah _____ ** in Jerusalem _____

4. Aware that king David and his men were coming to Jerusalem to capture the land, did the Jebusites believe the king and his men were a serious threat to them? (v.6) Explain _____

A. What was the outcome? (v.7&9) _____

Define MILLO _____

♥ David was empowered from on high... obviously these fellows had not read 1 Samuel 16:13 ☺ In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit only “**came upon**” Believers, but as New Testament Believers, God, the Holy Spirit **indwells** us and He provides us with power (Dunamis doo'-nam-is, *strength power, ability*). He wants you to utilize His power in your day to day battles! He has equipped us with everything we need to bring Him glory! (2 Peter 1:3-4) Everything includes His power! Stop and thank Him for His provision and His favor. ♥

1. Verse 8 discloses HOW the stronghold of Zion was captured. Share what you are able to discover about this entrance. _____



Time to practice our memory verse: “Whoever _____ himself shall be _____; and whoever _____ himself shall be _____.” _____ : _____

DAY TWO

Pray, and read **2 Samuel 5:11-16**

1. Read 1 Kings 5:1. What do we learn about the relationship between King Hiram of Tyre and King David of Israel? _____

A. According to 2 Samuel 5:11, what did King Hiram do for David? _____

♥ Read, and meditate on John 14:1-4. Write out a prayer, or song of thanksgiving to the Lord for what He has promised to do for those who love and belong to Him... Be brave! Share it with the ladies in your group.

2. What did David “realize” in v.12? _____

A. Compare David’s *state of faith* in 1 Samuel 27:1 with 2 Samuel 5:12. How does this encourage you in your own struggles? _____

Challenge: In the midst of David’s “realization” of the promise and faithfulness of God, David directly violated God’s Word. Regardless of *what man’s law may have allowed*, God’s Word was clear. He chose to disobey. With this in mind, read 1 Corinthians 10:11-13, how are we warned in regard to “our own confidence”, **and** what PROMISE are we given? _____

3. In v. 13a, how did David add to his family? _____

“The multiplication of David’s wives was a direct violation of Deut. 17:17. In antiquity, international alliances were often sealed by the marriage of a king’s daughter to the other participant in the treaty. This practice accounts for some of David’s and Solomon’s wives.” Ryrie Study Bible

A. According to 1 Kings 11:3, David’s son Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines. In what way might David be partially responsible for Solomon’s failure? _____

♥ Let’s face it. When our children are adults, they are going to do what they want to do. Sometimes it will be a result of what they “watched” us do, and that’s a bummer. However, they are responsible before the Lord and will answer to Him for their own folly. Perhaps you need to receive God’s forgiveness for your “parenting-failures”. Ask the Lord to give you an opportunity to speak with your child(ren), for the purpose of confessing your failure to him/her and asking for forgiveness. Whether they reciprocate or not, you must now choose to walk in the freedom of God’s forgiveness... and Lord willing, with your child’s as well...

4. How many more children were born to David in Jerusalem? (v.14-16) _____ David’s children are recorded as a statement of fact, not a statement of approval.

A. List their names. _____

1. We’ve included a family tree with this lesson. God’s mercy is so incredible! According to your chart, who were both Nathan and Solomon born to? _____

a. The genealogies of both sons are given in Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38. In both cases, to Whom do these lines ultimately lead? _____



PERFECT segue to practice Matthew 23:12: _____

DAY THREE

Pray, and read **2 Samuel 5:17-25**

1. When the Philistines *heard* that David had been anointed king over Israel, what was their plan? (v.17a-18)

A. According to Joshua 17:15, how did it come about that the Philistines were able to “*spread themselves* out in the valley of Rephaim”? _____

2. Hearing of the Philistines plan to *seek him out*, where did David go to seek the LORD? _____

Define: STRONGHOLD _____

A. While in the stronghold, what was David’s question to the LORD? (v.19a) _____

1. Write out the LORD’S answer. (v.19b) _____

B. Was God faithful? (v.20) Explain _____

1. We are told in v.21 that the Philistines “abandoned their idols”. What additional detail is given in 1 Chronicles 14:12? _____

a. Why do you believe they needed to be *burned*? _____

3. Discovering that the Philistines were going to attack... **again**, we see God’s reply to David’s second inquiry. He did not just “assume” the LORD would work in the same way. What was God’s response to David this time? (v.23-24) _____

A. Was David obedient? (v.25) _____

1. How *far reaching* was this victory the LORD gave to David? (v.25b & 1 Chronicles 14:16)

♥ God is still “Baal-Perazim, the Lord of breaking forth”! (v.20) In every “battlefield” within our lives, we MUST inquire of the Lord, as to **HOW should I do this... this time**? Do not assume that because the “situation” and or the “circumstance” is similar... or even the same, that God will deal with it the same as before. Maybe He will... maybe He won’t. Let’s learn to ALWAYS “inquire of the Lord! Ask for His counsel **before** running forward into battle!! Always remember, The LORD Himself has encircled you!!! Psalm 139:4-6



Time to practice Matthew 23:12: _____

DAY FOUR

Pray, and read **2 Samuel 6:1-13**



1. The Law governing the handling of the ark was spoken to whom and by Whom? (Exodus 25:1)

A. Who was required to transport the ark? (Numbers 3:30-31; 4:15, 7:9) _____

1. Who were these people? (Genesis 46:11) _____

Note: The tribe of Levi was set apart as priests to the LORD.

B. When David brought the ark to Jerusalem...

*** **Who** transported the ark the first time? (2 Samuel 6:3) _____

*** **Who** transported it the second time? (1 Chronicles 15:14-15) _____

C. **What** were God's instructions for how the ark was to be transported? (Exodus 25:13-14) _____

1. When the ark was brought to Jerusalem...

** **How** was it transported the first time? (2 Samuel 6:3) _____

** **How** was it transported the second time? (1 Chronicles 15:15) _____

a. What did the priests do the second time (2 Samuel 6:13) and why do you believe this was necessary? _____

2. Why did God strike Uzzah down? (v.6-7) _____

Define IRREVERENT _____

A. Why do **you** believe that God's judgment was so extreme? _____

1. What was David's immediate "reaction"? (v.8) _____

♥ We know that David's anger was not directed toward the LORD but rather to the mess that was caused by their attempt to honor God by "helping Him out"... *in their own understanding*. David even named that place Perez-uzzah, *the breakthrough of Uzzah*. Uzzah may have had "good intentions", but God is holy and just. Only God knows the intention of a man's heart, *this includes ours*. Better to obey than to disobey, period.

a. Read Proverbs 19:2 in a few translations. How might this passage apply to Uzzah? _____

3. David was *afraid of the LORD that day*... Record his words in Psalm 119:120. _____

Challenge: Was David actually/literally AFRAID (scared) of the LORD, or does it mean something else? (v.9) Share your resource. _____

4. Why did the ark stay behind in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite for three months? (v.10-11) _____

A. What did the LORD "do" for house of Obed-edom the Gittite? _____

Challenge: Do you remember **WHY** the Ark was *not in Jerusalem* at this time, but was kept at the house of Abinadab for the past 20 years? (Hint: 1 Samuel 6:21-7:2) _____



Time to practice Matthew 23:12: _____

Ask someone if you may share Matthew 23:12 with them. If you did... share with your group 😊

DAY FIVE

Pray, and read **2 Samuel 6:14-23**

1. As the ark was brought into the city of David, what did David do? (v.14a) _____

A. What was David wearing as he danced before the LORD? (v.14b) _____

6:14 linen ephod. "A sleeveless priestly garment extending to the hips and used when officiating before the altar." Ryrie Study Bible

B. According to v.15, what were David and all of house of Israel doing? _____

♥ Share a time when you were this excited about something the Lord was doing in your life.



2. Using YOUR Study Tools (Commentary, Bible Dictionary, etc.), or google.com. Please be willing to share with your small group what YOU discover about 2 Samuel 6:13. _____

3. Uh-oh!... Who saw David out a window, and what did she "do"? (v.16) _____

Define DESPISE _____

♥ Have you ever *despised* your husband? _____ How do you usually deal with *real issues* that you and he are not like-minded in. Be honest. Your answer may give another woman encouragement in that she is not the ONLY one that *sometimes* fails in this area. _____

A. In the midst of David's rejoicing... briefly describe how David blessed the people: (v.17-19) _____

"It seemed as if the flood-gates of David's joy had been thrown wide open, and he could not contain his ecstasy. Then from an overflowing heart, he turned to bless his people. The one event that marred the day was poor Michal's bitter speech. There is no perfect joy in this world; every rose has its thorn." F. B. Meyer

1. What was Michal's response to situation? (v.20) _____

a. How are wives exhorted in Ephesians 5:33b? _____

2. Did Michal's behavior accomplish anything? (v.21-23) _____



Something to Ponder: "Michal's barrenness was not necessarily the result of Divine judgment. It may be that David never had marital relations with her again. ***Nevertheless, the principle stands: there is often barrenness in the life and ministry of the overly critical.***" David Guzik Selah~



Time to practice & write out your memory verse: _____

"May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob set you securely on high! May He send you help from the sanctuary and support you from Zion." Psalm 20:1-2