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**1 Samuel 8: 1- 22**

**Principle illustrated: Man may stray from God, but God does not stray from man.**

The Israelites’ victory over the Philistines gave them confidence in fighting their enemies. This passage shows that the issue was not necessarily the fight, but their faith in God. Samuel led the Israelites through a theocracy but they suddenly demand to have a king. Surrounding nations had kings as leaders and all they had was Samuel’s guidance and the Ark of the Covenant. Despite their willingness to stray away from God, He told Israel before how they were a “particular” people to Him, meaning they were chosen to be His people and to go into the sinful world and do the work of saving the rest of His children. Although God gave them exactly what they wanted, God never left them and still protected the nation of Israel through all their hardships.

**1 Samuel 31:1-7**

**Principle illustrated: Revenge can blind logic and can have tragic results.**

As Saul is frantically searching for David, this passage shows that he resorts to contacting a medium for help. Through this, the prophet Samuel informs him that Samuel and his sons will all perish the next day. With this information, Saul still continues his goal to find David. The next day, the Philistines followed Saul and his men on mount Gilboa. Samuel’s prophecies came true as Johnathan, Abinadab, and Melchishua all perished in battle. An archer had wounded Saul to the point of near death, and Saul had to fall on a blade to finish fully kill himself. This tragic end to one of God’s chosen men was caused by his blind rage to hunt down David and kill him. Christians should not be overcame with emotions and act foolishly but can ask God for wisdom and guidance in time of need.

**2 Samuel 5: 4- 22**

**Principle illustrated: Follow God’s leadership and he will provide protection.**

With all of Israel wanting David as their king, this passage explains that he is anointed and begins his rule over all of Israel. David takes Jerusalem and is blessed of the Lord due to his constant obedience to God’s will. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and God blessed him with forty years reign over Israel. David always asked the Lord what he should do in various situations, and the Lord instructed David on what to do, giving him victory every time. Prayer is how Christians can ask God for wisdom and guidance in times of trial and hardships. Simply trust in Him, and He will provide for those who ask.

**2 Samuel 11: 1- 15**

**Principle illustrated: The righteous are also susceptible to sin at any time, not just**

**those who are constantly struggling.**

This passage shows how David’s flesh was tempted and he fell victim to adultery with Bathsheba. David is a leader that is biblically known by many names. Examples of this are the man after God’s heart, the courageous man of faith, and the sweet psalmist in Israel. He followed beside God for several years and spoke directly with him. Although David was well known for his spiritual walk of faith, he fell to the sinful nature of adultery, murder, and deceiving others. Christians today need to be aware that everyone is human. It is human nature to crave carnal things that are temporary and satisfy for only a short time. Being accountable with others and striving to keep focus on God is key to avoiding sinful temptation.

**2 Samuel 21: 1- 32**

**Principle illustrated: Life will bring a collection of good and bad moments, but**

**Christians should be grateful for God’s constant protection.**

This passage is the first psalm written by David that describes what God is to him and how he trusted and obeyed the Lord, and he is thankful that God sustained everything he needed. David’s life consisted of both glorious victories and evil deeds along with constantly being on the run for his life in fear of Saul. He was constantly faced with the choice of doing it man’s way or God’s way. David showed the epitome of spiritual attitude and shows how everyone can attain a spiritual walk with the Lord. David expresses how God is his rock and his fortress, the foundation of his life. Christians should set God as the foundation for every action done and seek God’s guidance in the way of light to have a truly joyous heart like David.