

- Recap of last week: Jonathan makes a covenant with David and keeps that covenant even while David get more popular than he is, and even though his own dad Saul wants to kill David. (I Samuel 18:1-4) David's popularity with the people increased because he always conducted himself wisely. (I Samuel 18:5) (I Samuel 18:12-16) Saul get jealous of David because he overhears people saying Saul has killed his thousands but David has killed his tens of thousands. (I Samuel 18:6-9) Saul loses his temper and throws spears at David (I Samuel 18:10-11), and he tried to conspire against David by using marriage to his daughter as way to provoke war with the Philistines. (I Samuel 18:25-30) David is hungry one day and ends up eating some temple bread for which God never rebukes him. (I Samuel 21:1-9) Saul keeps pursuing David and David keeps narrowly escaping. At one point, Jonathan is able to meet David in the forest and repeats that he will become King and Jonathan will serve beside Him and even his father Saul knows that. Saul and his army finally leave because the Philistines are invading again and they have to go and fight them. (I Samuel 23:8-28)
- David and his army are hiding deep in a cave. Saul comes into the cave to use the bathroom and they see him. David's army urges him to kill Saul but he says this is not right and cuts off a bit of Saul's robe instead. After Saul emerges from the cave David lets him know he could have killed him and didn't. Saul is touched and tells David he will be king and to have mercy and not kill off his descendants. David agrees. (I Samuel 24)
- Samuel dies and all Israel mourns his loss. (I Samuel 25:1)
- There was a really wealthy man named Nabal who was shearing his sheep. He was a real jerk with a beautiful and kind wife named Abigail. David hears about it and sends 10 messengers to say that David and his men were going to feast with them and they had not bothered his shepherds and so they should share some of their gains with him. (I Samuel 25:2-8)
- The messengers get to Nabal and he openly disrespects David by saying he is probably just another guy who broke off from his master try to get him to provide for them. The messengers tell David, David is furious and tells his men to prepare for war. (I Samuel 25:9-13)
- This time David's messengers go to Abigail and tell her what is going on. She intercepts David with some food and says to just let her talk to him. David agrees. Abigail goes to talk to Nabal but he is drunk so she waits to him to sober up then talks to him. He becomes sick and dies 10 days later. David then marries Abigail and takes one more wife too. His first wife Michal was married off to someone else. (I Samuel 25:14-44)
- David finds Saul and his army asleep. Again his aid tries to convince him to kill Saul or let him to it, but again David says to let him live because it is not right to kill God's anointed king, but he does take Saul's spear and water bottle. (I Samuel 26:1-13)
- David calls out to Saul's army captain Abner from afar, shows him what he took, and taunts him for not protecting the king. (I Samuel 26:13-18)
- Saul recognized David's voice, promised not to pursue him anymore, and goes home. (I Samuel 26:19-25)
- David flees to the Philistines so Saul won't kill him. David and his 600 men and their families live with a king called Achish and he finally gives them a city called Ziklag. David and his men start conducting raids in outlying area of Philistia. They kill everyone and leave no witnesses but they take all the animals and garments back to Achish. The whole time Achish thinks that they are raiding Israel and thinks David has turned against them. He does that the whole time he is there, which is a year and four months. (I Samuel 27)

- Saul and his army leave for a battle joining the Philistine King in marching against Israel. Remember that the king thinks David is on his side, so he asks David's army to come with them. Saul is scared and goes to see a witch at a place called Endor. Saul makes the woman summon Samuel and Samuel tells Saul that his army is going to be destroyed. (1 Samuel 28)
- The Philistine army commanders make David and his army go home because they know about his fame and are afraid he will turn on them. (1 Samuel 29)
- While David and his army are gone, the Amalekites raid their city and take all their wives (including David' and children. The army is so mad they want to kill David. (1 Samuel 30:1-8)
- David is trusting in God and asks him if he should attempt a pursuit and rescue mission. God says yes. David leads a rescue party and they find someone who was with the raiding party but had been left behind because he was sick and that person says he will take them to the raiding party. (1 Samuel 30:7-15)
- David's raiding party is successful, they get back everything they lost and more. Some of David's army was too tired to go with them on the rest of the raid and a few no good types in David's army tried to argue that those people who didn't go on the raid didn't deserve to get anything. David rebukes them and divides up the loot anyway. He even sent some of it all the way back to Israel. (1 Samuel 30:16-29)
- This is sort of like the parable of the prodigal son that Jesus tells. There was one son who didn't go away but one who did and lead a life of sin then came back to be a servant but his father welcomed him back as a son and threw him a party. The son who had been there the whole time said "hey, what about me?" to which the father answered "all that I have has always been yours anyway." Luke 15:11 Remember, it doesn't matter the time at which one comes to Christ, we all rejoice.
- Saul and Jonathan are finally mortally wounded in battle against the Philistines. The Philistines cut off his head and take his armor, and the Israelites mourn for seven days. (1 Samuel 31)

Questions

1. Where did David and his men encounter Saul directly?
2. What did David's army urge David to do to Saul and how did David respond?
3. What did David do to prove he had gotten close to Saul?
4. What promise does Saul ask David for and obtain?
5. What happens when Samuel dies?
6. Who was Nabal?
7. Who was Abigail?
8. What does Abigail do in order to try to prevent David from attacking Nabal?
9. What does David take of Saul's while he is sleeping?
10. What is the name of captain of Saul's army?
11. What king of the Philistines did David flee to?
12. What city did the King of the Philistines give David and his men?
13. Why does David flee to Achish?
14. What city does Achish give David, his army, and their families?
15. How does David convince Achish that he has turned against Israel?
16. Why do the Philistine commanders make David and his army leave?

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17. What did Amalekites take that belonged to David and his men?
18. When David asked God if he should attempt a rescue, what did God say?
19. What is the significance of the fact that even those who couldn't go on the raid still got part of the spoil?

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