Friday, October 28: Read 1 Samuel 13:1-15

This is one of the saddest chapters of scripture. What was Saul's sin? Why was this sin so grievous to God and what was the result for Saul? Note Paul's admonition to reject sin in (*Romans 6:1-4, 11-14*) Ask God to reveal any un-confessed sin in your own life and be ready to repent of it and follow his directions.

Notes:

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacious (Angola Africa), Ivan & Kim Hoyt (Argentina), David & Miriam Trott (Cochabamba, Bolivia), Mario Bloise (Argentina), Nate & MaryBeth Brace (Kentucky), Dan & DeAnn Gerard (San Antonio, TX), Robert Newkirk (Jesus Film), Craig & Shelly Shafer (Sentani, Indonesia), Randy & Kari Ash, John Smith (CEF), Mike & Fran VanBruggen (S. Africa), Sue Sanders (Detroit, MI), Matt Kooi (Tijuana), Daniel Jezonski (Wycliffe), Danielle Tucker (YWAM), Andrew & Sara Williams (New Tribes).

Specific Concerns:

- •The upcoming elections Nov. 8
- •My Hope America movie night outreach in November
- •The Annual Church Meeting Nov. 13
- Tijuana Mission Trip that is set for November 20-26

Pray this weekend:

- •Review of the week (Thank God for answered prayer)
- •Note any ongoing concerns to pray for the week.
- •Praise God that He is working in your life. You are growing in your faith.



Spiritual Disciplines

Reading Assignments

- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.
- Read the chapters of the Bible according to the date.
- Underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advise or wisdom gleaned from your reading.
- Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.
- Think about what you're reading. Ask:
 - 1. How does this apply to me?
 - 2. Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?
 - 3. What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?
- Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.

Weekly Readings

Monday, October 24: Read 1 Samuel 7: 1-6

We will start the week reviewing the concept of revival. Note the revival that occurred in Israel under Samuel's leadership. What national tragedies and hardships preceded Israel's returning to God? What would it take for America to experience a spiritual awakening in our time? Notice Samuel's specific instructions for revival in verses 3 and 6. Do you have any false gods to reject or sins to confess in order to be right with God? What changes would God make in your lifestyle if revival occurred?

Notes:

Monday Pray for:

- 1. My relationship with God.
- 2. My life roles
- 3. My personal needs/weak areas
- 4. Goals and objectives

Tuesday, October 25: Read 2 Chronicles 7:11-16

Compare this passage with Monday's verses from 1 Samuel 7 and the story recorded in <u>Acts 3:17-20</u>. What can we conclude is the basic recipe for spiritual revival? How does humility play into the equation? Note <u>James 4:5-10</u>. Check your own attitudes toward God, self and others. Ask God to help you to more fully humble yourself before him each day.

Notes:

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday October 26: Read 1 Samuel 10

Samuel anoints Saul as king and God's Spirit changes his heart. What does this mean? How does the Spirit change people? What has the Holy Spirit changed in you? What does he yet need to change in your heart attitudes, habits or relationships?

Notes:

Wednesday Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church (Consider fasting one, two, or all meals this day.)

- a. Pastors: Pray for God's grace & guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for the Youth and children's ministries here at BGCC.
- b. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
- c. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
- d. Discipleship: ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people.
- e. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ.
- f. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future Pray for God's clear leading in 2016 and beyond.

Thursday, October 27: Read 1 Samuel 12

Samuel's farewell speech to Israel reminds them of all God did for their ancestors. It also rebukes Israel for rejecting God as their King in favor of an earthly king. What is the people's response to Samuel's speech and what does Samuel promise to do for them? What final instruction does he give the nation?

Notes:

Pray for "My World"

- Neighbors People at Work Others God bring into my life
- Continue to pray for the nation, our county and area churches.
- Thank God for "BOLD Faith" event and the response of our area churches. Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County.