Friday, November 4: Read 1 Samuel 20

Jonathan has a premonition that David, not he himself, will be the next king of Israel. He humbly passes the baton to David and is eventually killed in battle. Read David's lament for him in *2 Samuel 1:17-27*.

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 31: Read 1 Samuel 14:1-23

While King Saul is sinking in stature, his son Jonathan is rising. Note the courage he demonstrates in <u>verses 5</u> and <u>12-14</u>. What spiritual conviction prompted his courage? Do you have that same belief and would you stake your life on it?

Notes:

Monday's Prayer Next page

Monday Pray for:

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

Tuesday, November 1: Read 1 Samuel 15

On occasion, God uses war to judge a nation. The Amalekites are one such nation. Note their fate predicted in <u>Dt. 25:17-19</u>. Saul failed on his mission. Why? What would be the ultimate consequence of his disobedience?

Notes:

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday November 2: Read 1 Samuel 18

The divide between Saul and Jonathan continues thanks to Jonathan's friendship with David, and Saul's growing contempt for David. What does Saul do to try to gain David's confidence? Does it work? Read <u>verses 28 -29</u> again. What do you suspect Saul's "spiritual condition" is like at this point in comparison to David?

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, November 3: Read 1 Samuel 19

Saul is losing it! Notice how Jonathan steps in to appease his father's jealousy. Could this explain how an evil spirit could gain access to Saul? How might this compare with what we see in *Ephesians 4:25-28* and *2 Cor. 2:10-11*? Do Christians who willfully sin today open themselves up to spiritual attack?

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.