Friday, November 11: Read 1 Samuel 24, 26

Twice David spares Saul's life and clearly demonstrates his intentions and his integrity. Note Saul's assessment in <u>1 Samuel 24:16-21 and 25:21-25.</u> Maybe this is why David was called by God "a man after my own heart". How is your heart toward those who falsely accuse you? Ask God to do a work within to better represent him, even when surrounded by "enemies".

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, November 7: Read 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Saul's kingship is waning. So God enlists David, an unlikely prospect, for the next King of Israel. In what way is our election by God similar according to <u>1 Cor. 1:26-31</u>? What could God do through you in spite of your own shortcomings?

Notes:

Monday Pray for:

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

Tuesday, November 8: Read 1 Samuel 16:14-23

Who else had "evil spirits" from God come upon them? (*Job 1:12, 2 Cor. 12:7*) Why does God use the devil to accomplish his purposes? How does music calm Saul? Can music (worship) drive away the devil from our lives? Do you suppose David was singing the Psalms?

Notes:

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday November 9: Read 1 Samuel 17

What was the difference between how David saw Goliath and how Saul saw him? Where did David get his confidence from? How do you think Samuel's anointing affected David's courage in battle? (1 Samuel 16:13)

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 10: Read 1 Samuel 19 and 20

Having been a war hero, David is suddenly in hiding for his life. What was his crime? How does he determine to fight Saul? Note <u>1 Samuel 24:5-7</u>. Read <u>Psalm 18</u> as an example of where David's hope and confidence was placed.

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.