

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number of the book. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.

Monday, Oct. 26th – 2 Samuel 13:1-22

For the next few weeks we will on be reading from 2 Samuel and Psalms because 1 Chronicles does not carry this part of David's story. We start today with the troubles that God said would happen actually beginning to happen. Let's start with the people and their relationship to each other. Read verses 1-5. Tamar and Absalom are sister and brother. Amnon is a half-brother from a different mother. Jonadab is everyone's cousin. So, what is the problem from what you read (vs. 4)? Is this allowable under the Judaic Law? Does Amnon take Jonadab's suggestion (vss. 6-7)? What does this lead too (vss. 8-14)? Amnon got what he wanted. What was the result (vss. 15-19)? Who does Tamar run into and what happens (vs. 20 & 22)? What happens when David finds out about it (vs. 21)? Do you wonder why David doesn't seem to "do" anything about this? Why do you think that may be? What does this reveal about God? Consider what God told David through Nathan. What does this reveal to you about humanity? How often do we want something so desperately that it becomes all we can think about? Sin does that to us. It leads us to think we cannot live without our hearts desire. And when we get it, we are disappointed, filled with regret, angry, or maybe like Amnon, filled with hate. How does this point to Jesus and his explanations of being "slaves to sin?" What sins haunt and fill you with desire? Turn to the Son today so that you may be free and seek help from a trusted friend that can walk the journey with you, pray for you and hold you accountable.

Tuesday, Oct. 27th – 2 Samuel 13:23-39

Today the text tells us how far forward we are going to jump. When does today's text take place (vs. 23)? So what is Absalom up to (vss. 24-28)? Does it happen (vs. 29)? What is the word that gets back to David and what is the response (vss. 30-31)? Who sets the record straight (vss. 32-33 & 34b-37a)? What happened to Absalom (vs. 34, 37b – 38)? Once David moves beyond the grieving, what does he yearn for (vs. 39)? Wow things have gone from bad to worst. Do you see how these two days reflect much of David's life choices of the past? And while God did say this would happen, it is not of God nor does God approve. So, what then does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal to you about humanity and our need for revenge and capacity for hate? How does this point to our need for Jesus and salvation? Do you think anyone had any idea this would be the outcome? Do you also see the pattern of revenge? None of these things are new. They have been happening all along during our reading. These are the way of the world. But Jesus reminds us he has overcome the world. What will that look like in your life today?

Wednesday, Oct. 28th – 2 Samuel 14:1-24

Well Amnon is dead. Tamar remains in isolation where she will spend the rest of her life and Absalom has run away. But we left off with David missing Absalom. Though he misses him, David believes that Absalom cannot return for he murdered his brother! What does Joab decide to do to fix this (vss. 1-3)? What is the story Joab tells the woman to share with David (vss. 4-11)? How much of this sounds like David and Absalom's story? Once David agrees to protect the woman's son what happens next (vss. 12-17)? So now that David knows what the woman was really after, what is his response (vss. 18-21)? How does the story end (vss. 22-24)? Why do you think David forbid Absalom from coming into his presence? How does that choice honor or dishonor God? What is revealed to you about God in this text? Consider the unrepentant sinner before God like Absalom before David. What does this text reveal to you about humanity? And how does this point to or reveal the work of Jesus?

Thursday, Oct. 29th – 2 Samuel 14:25-33

Today we turn our focus to Absalom and how he is handling being home but still shunned. As we start off, how is Absalom described (vss. 25-27)? Do you remember who else had been described this way? Saul was considered the most handsome man in all of Israel. But we learned having good looks is not necessarily tied with good character. I think we will see that lesson repeated. What does Absalom and how does he go about getting it (vss. 28-30)? How did that work (vs. 31)? What is his argument to Joab (vs. 32)? Does Joab relent (vs. 33a)? How does this section end (vs. 33b)? What does this reveal about Absalom's character? What is the only thing that can truly change a person's character from sinner to saint? That is how this points to Jesus today? How are we much like Absalom? How is David like God when dealing with Absalom? The difference is God is not deceived by us even if we deceive ourselves. How does this apply to your life, either now or in the past? Where might you be deceiving yourself? Turn to God in prayer and ask him to show you if you have any deception in you.

Friday, Oct. 30th – 2 Samuel 15:1-12

We close today with Absalom being Absalom. He has not changed one bit and is even seeking more. What does Absalom begin doing that creates a rift in the David's kingdom (vss. 1-6)? Sounds like our politicians today, doesn't it? How long did Absalom do this and what was his next act (vss. 7-10)? And we are back to 2 kings, David and Absalom. He really was up to no good. It's not really true, but he has convinced everyone it is. And look at all who joined Absalom (vss. 11-12)? Things are not boding well for David. But it is turning out just as God said it would. What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about humanity and the continual work of sin in our lives? Sin can really mess us up for a very long time. What does this reveal about Jesus? Consider all the conspiracies and lies told about him but the religious leaders.

Saturday, Oct. 31st – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read Revelation 7:9-17