

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commitment 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. 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, June 8<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 13:15-23**

We continue our Journey through the Bible today with Saul just having been told his reign will end and there will be another king. Once again, Saul sinned against God out of fear he would lose his men. How many men were with Saul and how did they split up (vs.16a)? Where were the Philistines and where did they go (vss. 16b-18)? But there is a problem with the Israelite army. What is it (vss. 19-23)? Can you see why Saul's men were afraid? Wouldn't you be afraid as well? How does fear drive us to abandon our leaders and our God? What can help us overcome our fear, even when the enemy seems to be holding all the weapons? How did Jesus overcome the enemy? Spend some time today considering where fear has had a grip on you or maybe has a grip on you now? How do you justify your fear? How can you move forward without sinning? What might be a good start? What does stepping out in faith look like during these times?

### **Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 14:1-23**

We pick up today with the odds set against Israel. Let's start by reading verses 2-3. Who is with Saul and where are they at? Although things look grim, what does Jonathan suggest and do (vs. 1, and 3c – 7)? What is the sign that God is with them and they should go on to fight (vss. 8-10)? What happens (vss. 11-14)? As we continue, something amazing happens. What is it (vs. 15)? Who do you think started that? When Saul sees all the confusion and the Philistines leaving, what does Saul do (vss. 15-18)? What stops the consultation with Ahijah (vs. 19b)? What happens next (vss. 20-23)? Did you notice who all came out to join Saul? Saul sinned because of a fear that in the end did not have substance. Everyone came out to fight. If Saul had waited on Samuel and trusted in the Lord, it would have worked out, because it was the Lord who was going to win the battle anyway. What does this reveal about God? Do you see that while we sin, God still acts in accordance with His plan? Sin is never acceptable before God, but neither does it render God incapable. Consider how this points to Jesus and his battle over our sin and its consequences. Where do you need to wait on the Lord and be attentive like Jonathan did, so as to see where God is moving? Then you can be part of what God is doing.

### **Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 14:24-46**

Continuing where we left off yesterday, although they are winning, there seems to a problem with the men. What is the problem and who caused it (vss. 24-26)? How does this become a really big problem (vss. 27-28)? In your estimation, is Jonathan guilty? What problem is there with this oath that Jonathan points out (vss. 29-31)? But even larger problems loom ahead. What happens now (vss. 32-33)? Do you know why this is wrong? How does Saul resolve this sin (vss. 34-35)? Once the issue at hand has been remedied, what does Saul propose they should do and what happens (vss. 36-38)? As you read verse 39, how will Saul get himself in trouble again? How does this play out (vss. 40-44)? Who saves Jonathan (vs. 45)? How does this eventful day end (vs. 46)? What does this reveal to you about God and unanswered prayer? What does this reveal to you about us as humans? Consider the oaths we make hastily. How does this point to Jesus and his ways? What do you need to repent of so that God will hear and answer your prayers? The Apostle James together with Jesus teach this is necessary.

### **Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 14:47 - 15:23**

We start today with a current look into Saul's life. As we read verses 47-48, we get a list of whom Saul battled and was victorious over. Verses 49-51 give us the names of Saul's own family. These names will be seen over and over in the coming weeks. And verse 52 begins fulfilling the warning to Israel regarding having a king. This brings us to the next battle for Saul, given by God through Samuel. Who is Saul going to war against and why (vss. 1-3)? How does this battle go (vss. 4-8)? Do you see a problem with the results? Does God (vss. 10-11)? What is God's biggest complaint and how does Samuel respond? We see the next morning Samuel caught up with Saul. How did that conversation go (vss. 12-15)? Does Saul think he has done anything wrong? Why not? And what part is still a lie? Did Saul destroy everyone? What does Samuel say to all of this (vss. 16-19)? What does Saul say to defend himself (vss. 20-21)? While Saul may be well intentioned, he is still disobedient to God's will. What does Samuel say to Saul regarding this disobedience (vss. 22-23)? What does God want more than anything? When we are disobedient, even with good intentions, we are still rebelling against God's will. That is sin. We miss the mark because we think we know better, just like Saul. What does this reveal to you about God? What does this reveal about ourselves? How does this point to Jesus and what true obedience looks like? Where might you be rationalizing sinfulness in your life today? Repent and turn back to God in loving obedience.

### **Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – 1 Samuel 15:24-35**

Let us start today by reading verses 24-31. What is wrong with Saul's confession in verse 24? It reads much like Genesis 3, "I did it but..." Confession should be, "I did it." (period) Do you see the now desperate response of Saul in verse 27? What is Samuel's rationale in standing firm in what he has told Saul (vs. 29)? So does God change His mind? Consider how we pray, asking God to do this and do that. Has God already made the decision? Consider also today Saul's disobedience in the past and the response today. Could it be that God knows this is where it is going and so that is why the decision is firm? We now need to tend to some of the unfinished business caused by Saul's disobedience. We need to deal with King Agag. Read verses 32-33. Note who fulfills the instructions. Now read verses 34-35. Note the finality of Saul's reign. Samuel will no longer come to him and God is sorry He made Saul king. How does this make you feel? What does it reveal about God? What about ourselves and our justification of sin through circumstances, not through Jesus? How does this point to Jesus? Consider Jesus' obedience, sacrifice, victory, and rule as King now and forever. Also consider Jesus' genealogy. He is not from the line of Saul, is he? Next week we will take another step in the salvation plan.

### **Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – To prepare for tomorrow's worship, please read 1 Samuel 16:1-5.**