

Bible Readings Book by Book week 97 – w/c 10/9/23

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Monday: 2 Samuel 10:1-19 In v12 Joab makes a great speech to the troops. He tells them to be strong and brave. These aren't matters of feelings, they are matters of choice. God gives us the strength we need in difficult situations. Joab was also aware that the outcome was in God's hands. Thank God that he has everything under control in your life.

Tuesday: 2 Samuel 11:1-27. David's greatest moral failure occurred when he had little to do – he remained in Jerusalem while the army went to battle, and this was the start of his mistakes. When you are tempted, does it come at times when you are overactive or at a loose end? What other things does he do or fail to do in this chapter that you can learn from?

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 12:1-31 In v7 through Nathan, God was saying that David's sin was based in ingratitude. God had given him all this and had more to give and yet David sought sin instead. David's confession in v13 is a good example of repentance. He placed the blame firmly on his own shoulders. Repent of your own ingratitude today.

Thursday: 2 Samuel 13:1-39 Read this chapter again and note every verse that refers to David. He was a great and godly King, but these verses reveal some of his weaknesses also. What can you learn from his failures as well as his strengths?

Friday: 2 Samuel 14:1-33 Read v14 again. This is one of the best Gospel passages in the Old Testament. God has devised a way to bring the banished back to Him. It is through the person and work of Jesus, and how He stood in the place of guilty sinners as He hung on the cross and received the punishment that we deserved. Praise God that we are no longer banished from him.

Weekend: 2 Samuel 15:1-37. For four years, Absalom plotted against his father (v7), but the issues that led up to this rebellion had taken root many years earlier. Are there issues in your past that have been allowed to fester? Ask God to reveal anything that you need to deal with, by bringing it before him and asking him to help you deal with it in a Biblical manner.