

## Week 28

### 2 Samuel / שמואל ב / She mu el

We return to the story of David.<sup>1</sup> In this week we will see the fallenness of this shepherd/king who garners the most chapters of the Bible. David is a real person. We all are, no matter what appearances we cultivate. For this reason alone, these chapters draw us in. They teach us what to do when we fail. They demonstrate how God views spiritual/moral failure.

**Sunday, May 1**

2 Samuel 1

**For Reflection:** Mount Gilboa is the place where everything changed for David, and he wasn't even there. Saul dies there - Israel's anointed king, and so does Jonathan - David's covenant friend. David starts the day a fugitive and ends the day a king. It's a day of letting go - grieving. It's a day of stepping forward - we don't see this yet but tomorrow we will. *Where/what is your Mount Gilboa - place/event where everything changed for you?*

**Lagniappe:** Acts 9:1-5

**Monday, May 2**

2 Samuel 2

**For Reflection:** Two Kings in Israel. One from the house of Saul, the other David. *When have you had two Lords you've tried to follow?*

**Lagniappe:** Matthew 6:24

**Tuesday, May 3**

2 Samuel 5

**For Reflection:** yesterday David inquired of the Lord about where to go and what to do. Now in this chapter David inquires to more times. Things seem to go well when he inquires. *What decisions are you inquiring of the Lord?*

**Lagniappe:** Matthew 7:7-11

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<sup>1</sup> We started 1 Samuel in week 21 and took it up again in week 23

**Wednesday, May 4** 2 Samuel 7

**For Reflection:** Still more prayer. This chapter marks an inflection point. Now David has the promise of a dynasty, and rest from war. *What have you found to be more challenging to your spiritual health, times of peace and success or times of anxiety and difficulty?*

**Lagniappe:** Romans 5:1-5

**Thursday, May 5** 2 Samuel 11

**For Reflection:** A cascade of evil. *What has been your worst moral/spiritual moment? How did God respond?* David, Joab and Bathsheba seem to think they got away with this one.

**Lagniappe:** 1 John 1:8-10

**Friday, May 6** 2 Samuel 12

**For Reflection:** God does not wink at David's sin. *Who is Nathan in your life?*

**Lagniappe:** Proverbs 27:17

**Saturday, May 7** Psalm 51

**For Reflection:** *What do you learn about confession in David's prayer?*

**Lagniappe:** Proverbs 28:13