



# APRIL REFLECTION GUIDE

## DAY 92-121

### **Day 92-96 - Judges 8-21**

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In **Judges 8-9**, we see Gideon's heart become prideful and that legacy continues through his son and we see God's justice on full display in the life of Abimelech. How quickly our hearts can turn away from the Lord, it was a good reminder to me today to keep my heart in check.

- **We see Gideon credits the Lord with his words, but his actions actually tell a different story. Does that resonate with you?**

In **Judges 13-15**, we meet Samson who was likely the most wicked sinful judge that Israel had, yet we see God use Samson even in his sinfulness.

*Tara-Leigh points out that :*

*"God is "not endorsing Samson's sin, but sometimes He's using Samson's sinfulness to defeat a greater enemy. Sinners are all God's got to work with! Only a sovereign God could bend our sin to serve His purposes -- and that is a HUGE comfort to me, because it's easy for me to feel like my sin or someone else's sin has ruined everything. I'm not big enough to ruin everything. He's bigger. That sets me free."*

- **Have you ever thought about God bending your sin to serve His purposes?**

### **Day 97 - Ruth**

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The message of the book of Ruth is that God has a plan, His plan is good, and God's plan not only impacts you but generations to come. We see God's perfect timing and plan come together in the lives of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz.

- **What did you learn about God through studying the lives of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz?**

### **Day 98-102 - I Samuel 1-17**

In **I Samuel 1 & 2**, we meet Hannah who was Samuel's mother. We see Hannah cry out to the Lord and lament before Him knowing that He was the one who sees her.

- **What did you take away from Hannah's beautiful prayer in chapter 2?**

After the reading of **I Samuel 4-8**, we see that the Israelites are once again disobedient and seeking out their own glory more than the Lord.

**Tara-Leigh shares this:**

*“I spent a lot of time thinking about how God has set this nation apart -- to be different so that the other nations would recognize God’s glory -- and how in the very moments when that starts to happen, Israel doesn’t want to honor Him; they want a different plan. The Philistines recognized His power, but the people of Beth-Shemesh disobey God and instead of repenting, they send the ark away. Then there’s peace in the land, but they have two corrupt judges so instead of replacing them with godly judges, they ask for a king so they can be like all the other nations. They keep rejecting the very thing that makes them unique. And God says that’s a rejection of HIM. HE is their identity. **Seeing this about God gives me pause -- where do I reject what He has called me to be for His glory, because I want to fit in or be respected. Where does fear of man drive me more than love of God?**”*

- **Can you think of a time that you have rejected what God has called you to do because you wanted to be respected or to fit in? Does your “fear of man” drive you more than your love of God?**

In **I Samuel 9-12**, we see Saul come into the picture, Israel’s first king. God gave them what they asked for... a tall dark handsome king. Over and over, we see Saul’s fears lead him to try to go ahead of the Lord’s commands or act in foolish ways.

- **What are some of the ways you saw Saul’s fear and disobedience on full display?**
  - **Examples:**
    - He was hiding when Samuel was to anoint him as king.
    - He was to wait for Samuel, but got impatient and took matters into his own hands offering up a burnt offering to God.
    - He rushes into battles instead of waiting on the Lord to lead him.
    - He completely disobeys the Lord’s command by keeping the best of the animals and by not killing King Agag.
    - He tried to kill David numerous times.

In **I Samuel 15:35**, we see that “the Lord regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel. This word “regret” in Hebrew means to suffer grief. This shows us that even an all knowing God can still enter in and have real emotions like His people.

- **Can you think of a time that you grieved over someone’s bad decisions even if it wasn’t a surprise to you that they chose that behavior? Can you relate to this idea that God “regretted” this appointed king?**

In **I Samuel 17**, we see the classic David and Goliath story. This is a story that many of us grew up hearing but maybe now we have more context as to where this story takes place in the Bible.

- **Did anything new stand out to you as you read the story of David and Goliath this time?**

## **Day 103-104 - I Samuel 18-24, Psalm 11,59**

Tara-Leigh talks about Saul’s laser focus on himself.

*“Saul has no concern for God’s glory or what’s best for the nation, he’s only seeking to serve himself. Self-focus is like fertilizer on fear -- and it smells about the same. All Saul’s efforts to destroy David only build him up.”*

- **Has your self-focus ever magnified your fear and caused you to want to tear others down?**

We see fear prevalent in these passages in Saul and David... Our fears can reveal what our heart is worshipping above the Lord.

➤ **How do we turn our fears back to God?**

We are reading the Psalms in chronological order, so because of this we get to see them placed in the story as they were written.

➤ **Does that bring a different element to how you read these words?**

➤ **Any favorite phrases from Psalm 11 or 59?**

Examples: "In the Lord, I take refuge.", "You are my fortress", "Deliver me from my enemies"

## **Day 105-106 - Psalm 7, 27, 31, 34, 52, 56, 120, 140-142**

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As we start to dive into Psalms, there are some things to remember as we read them:

- Psalms is a collection of 150 ancient Hebrew poems, songs & prayers from many points in Israel's history.
- They were compiled after their return from exile as a prayerbook of God's people as they strive to be faithful to the Torah & waiting for the future Messianic kingdom.
- These psalms are filled with honest human expressions that lead to hope and give us language for how to pray.
- It's important to know the context of Psalms so we can read them in light of their intended audience.
- Tim Keller has written an amazing devotional book walking through all the Psalms called "*The Songs of Jesus*". Some of thoughts from this book will be included as well as thoughts from the Bible Recap podcast as we walk through the Psalms together.

**Psalm 7** is an individual lament written by David. He is lamenting being unfairly accused and persecuted and cries out to the Lord for help.

About Psalm 7, Tim Keller says,

*"Because we live in a broken world, much injustice will go unpunished until the final day of judgment. However, most of the time, God's justice works itself out within the fabric of history. Evil carries within it the seeds of its own destruction."*

➤ **Have you ever been unfairly accused or suffered injustice and begged God to do something about it? Is it hard to reconcile that we may never see God's justice work itself out and have to trust that He will be your defender?**

**Psalm 27** starts out with "*The Lord is my Light and My Salvation whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*" Vs. 4 goes on to say, "*One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. "To gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in His temple"*

Tim Keller says of verse 4:

*"David's supreme priority is "to gaze on the beauty of the Lord". "Gazing" is not a one-time glimpse but a steady, sustained focus. It is not petitionary prayer but praising, admiring, and enjoying God just for who he is. David finds God beautiful, not just useful for attaining goods. To sense God's beauty in the heart is to have such pleasure in him that you rest content."*

This type of “gazing” or “sustained focus, does not come naturally to us as we typically tend to be too busy and distracted to spend time gazing or focused on God’s creation and his goodness. David even says a little later in vs. 13, “I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.”

- **How can we learn from David and begin to cultivate this kind of “gazing” at God’s beauty & goodness into our daily lives?**

**Psalm 31** has David showing an expression of absolute surrender to the Lord. Vs 5 he says “*Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.*” These are the same words that Jesus spoke on the cross as he was dying. Vs. 15 David says “*My times are in your hands*”

Tim Keller says this about David’s expression here in Psalm 31:

*“But, David knows, world history and our personal histories are not, ultimately, operating on chance. “My times are in your hands,” he reminds himself and us. The Bible’s teaching on this is balanced. Many events are evil and grievous, yet God overrules them and works them all together, in the long run, for good (Romans 8:28). So in the end our lives cannot be derailed permanently.”*

- **What does Psalm 31 communicate about trusting God and surrendering to His plan?**
- **Does the statement “My times are in your hands” make you feel fear or freedom?**

In many of the Psalms, we see the authors feel abandoned by the Lord, yet still offer up praise to Him. This is a call to not live based on your feelings... even when the author felt abandoned, the LORD was near and heard their cries and ultimately answered their prayers.

- **When you feel alone and abandoned, do you let your feelings carry you away from the LORD or do you draw near and cry out to Him?**
- **Any favorite phrases stand out to you from these Psalms? What do you learn about God’s character in these Psalms?**

## **Day 107-110 - I Samuel 25-31, Psalm 17, 18, 35, 54,63, 121, 123-125, 128-130**

These days we jump back into the narrative in I Samuel. In this section we see the death of Samuel, the story of Nabal & Abigail, Saul consulting a medium, and then Saul’s death.

In the story about Nabal & Abigail, we see Abigail step in to bring peace into chaos, she is described as “discerning” and we see her approach David with humility and respect knowing that he was a man that knew the Lord.

Tara-Leigh points out how God worked through Abigail:

*“He granted her wisdom to know how to deescalate a situation that was about to get out of control. That takes real trust in God, to enter into chaos and create peace. Scripture marks her as someone with discernment, which is God-given.”*

- **What can we learn from Abigail and her obedience to approach David?**

In these passages we see Saul continue to be disobedient to the Lord by going to consult a medium.

Tara-Leigh points out a pattern that we see here in scripture:

*“When someone asks God for direction, but they aren’t following the existing direction God has already given them, God often won’t tell them anything new. Saul is still walking in unrepentant sin, which is why God rejected him as king. It’s all connected. So when Saul goes to God to ask what to do about the Philistines, God doesn’t answer him. And instead of repenting, Saul decides to double down on his sin. “*

We see this over and over in the life of Saul and others in Scripture. Times where God seems silent, but He has already instructed them and they haven’t obeyed, so He waits until they are obedient to what He commanded before He gives any new guidance.

➤ **Have you experienced this before in your life?**

In this section of Psalms, we see some by David as he continues to lament about being sought by his enemies. He cries out for the Lord’s help, while still praising Him. Even in the hardest of circumstances, David knows these fundamental truths about God’s character and can cling to them for his hope.

We find this beautiful line in **Psalm 54** where David says in verse 4, *“Behold God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life. He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them.”*

In **Psalm 63**, we get this beautiful section: *“You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.”*

➤ **What does it mean to you that the Lord “upholds” your life?**

On Day 110, we read some of the “Songs of Ascent”, here’s the explanation that Tara-Leigh gave:

*“Jerusalem is at a high elevation -- no matter which way you approach it, you have to go “up” to Jerusalem. So when all the people of Israel, who had been dispersed all across the land, come together every year to celebrate the high holy days, they had to make a long journey UP to Jerusalem -- hence the “ascent”. And most historians say that as they made their long pilgrimage three times a year, they would sing these 15 songs. These were their road trip hymns of praise to God, with reminders of who He is and what He has done for them.”*

In both **Psalm 27:14** and **Psalm 130:5-6**, we see the phrase **“WAIT for the Lord”**

Waiting on the Lord doesn’t mean we can become lazy or passive while waiting. It’s important to see “waiting” as a time for seeking His will, praying, meditating on His Word, and seeking wise counsel. What God has for us in times of waiting is over a huge season of growth in our relationship with Him! David displays confidence and hope through his relationship with the Lord and it serves as a great example to us.

➤ **What has God taught you in your seasons of “waiting”?**

➤ **Any favorite phrases stand out to you from these Psalms? What do you learn about God’s character in these Psalms?**

## **Day 111-112 - II Samuel 1-4, Psalm 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21**

In **II Samuel 1-4**, we see Saul's son become the king over 11 of the 12 tribes and David become king over the tribe of Judah. In this section of scripture, Tara-Leigh points out something interesting:

*"In the midst of all these people being killed against his will by people who THINK they're pleasing him, David says, "I was gentle today, though anointed king." The king's position makes people fear him as one who might be harsh and ruthless. David says, "I'm not that kind of king."*

- **Does this remind you of another gentle king? In what ways do we see similarities between David and Jesus in the passages we have read so far?**

In **Psalm 14**, David says, *"The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one."*

Tara-Leigh shares this about these verses:

*"None of us have anything to offer God. But praise God that He seeks us out, He pursues us, He initiates. He takes the unrighteous and grants them the righteousness of Christ. In Psalms, these verses feel especially harsh, but if you read them in light of the Gospel, they're praise-inducing. It can also read like this: "I'm a corrupt sinner who can't get my act together no matter how hard I try. The mantras and affirmations just aren't working today. But PRAISE CHRIST, I've been made righteous -- and it was through no effort of my own. It was His gift to me, as His child." David closes this Psalm by saying, "Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!" And God answered that prayer with a "yes"!*

Tim Keller says it this way:

*"In the Bible foolishness means a destructive self-centeredness. Fools cannot bear to have anyone over them, and so they ignore God or deny he exists. Some of this rebellion exists in every heart. Every sin is a kind of practical atheism—it is acting as if God were not there. That also means that belief in God must be a gift."*

We are all guilty of placing other things in our lives before the Lord or stubbornly not wanting to have a God to obey. We wrestle with the idea that the good that is in us is a gift from the Lord. In Psalm 16, David says, *"You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."*

- **In what ways can you relate to this "fool" who says there is no God? Does this make the gift of salvation even more precious knowing apart from Him we can offer nothing?**

## **Day 113-115, 117 - I Chronicles 1-6, Psalm 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87**

As we jump into I Chronicles, it's important to remember that much of I Chronicles overlaps with II Samuel, so we will be bouncing back and forth. Reading these passages alongside each other will give us a fuller picture of these stories from different points of view.

The first 6 chapters of I Chronicles are mostly genealogies. The genealogies of 1 Chronicles, the most extensive in the Scriptures, show the development of Israel focusing on the messianic line of David in the tribe of Judah, from which God's promises and Savior would come, and the priestly line of Levi, which was crucial to the ministry of the temple. In this sense, then, the genealogies of 1 Chronicles are like a compressed history of Israel. I love what Tara-Leigh reminded us to think about when reading all these names:

*"God uses every story --from the great, to the terrible, to the person who never does anything that history considers significant. We're all written into His story of redemption. He sees us all, one by one -- and genealogies are a reminder of that."*

She also points out that once Israel goes into exile and then returns to the land, these genealogies become really important.

*"Because they really need to know who is from which tribe, so they can go back to the right plot of land. And they need to know who is from the tribe of Judah and specifically the line of David, because God has appointed that as the line of kings. And they need to know who the Levites are because they need to set everything back up with the temple according to the specific job of each clan. All of these lists are really important in verifying people's identities so they can reinstate things when they return to the land. It may seem boring to us, but it was VITAL to them. It wasn't just a list; it was their LIFE -- it determined their jobs and where they lived."*

- **Did any names or details stick out to you in these genealogies? Were you surprised at how many of the names you recognized?**

In this section we find **Psalm 43:5** where David says, "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God."

Tara-Leigh points out that "David preaches the gospel to himself. He's struggling and he feels far from God, but he speaks reminders of the truth to his own soul. David tells his heart and mind what to do."

- **Do you find that speaking reminders of God's truth bring healing to your soul?**
- **How has being in God's Word daily affected your heart and mind in this season?**

**Psalm 49** gives a sober reminder that we will all die...

vs. 10 says, "For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others."  
vs. 17 says, "For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him."

No matter how much money, fame or success we accumulate here on earth, if we lack spiritual understanding will be like the animals that perish (49:18-20). This is both a reminder and an encouragement to pursue righteousness above riches and prioritize the spiritual over the material.

- **Is this truth a comfort to you or a hard pill to swallow?**

Tara-Leigh says this about **Psalm 84**:

*"Psalm 84 brings things back to focus on life -- specifically, the life of God's servant. The Psalmist says he never feels more at home than in God's house. When he's away from it, he feels weak, but when he's there, he feels alive. Verse 5 says, "Blessed are those whose strength is in You" and verse 7 continues, "They go from strength to strength." There's a hint here that the overall context of verse 5-7 indicates something along the lines of, "They go from You to You". I love that. It's like there's no other place to go but to The Lord. He's our home and He's our strength. The*

*Psalmist values nearness to God above everything else, and he's even willing to serve in humble positions just to draw near to God.*

Psalm 84:10 says "a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere"

- **Does drawing near to God make you feel at home and give you strength? Do you feel weak when you are away from the Lord?**

## **Day 116, 118-119 - Psalm 73, 77-78, 81, 88, 92-93, 102-104, I Chronicles 7-10**

In **Psalm 73, 77 & 78**, we see a theme emerge if we pay attention to the author Asaph's focus and how where he puts his focus leads him to the dangerous comparison trap.

Tara-Leigh says this about these Psalms:

*"A theme I noticed in all three psalms pertains to the direction of my eyes. If my eyes are on others, or on myself, or on my desires, I will inevitably lose sight of God. In the first psalm, the problem seemed to pertain to Asaph putting his eyes on others. You've probably heard that "comparison is the thief of joy" -- but here I noticed that **comparison is also the thief of FAITH**. It prompts us to doubt God's goodness. And in today's second psalm, Asaph's eyes were on himself and his struggle, but he modeled a great response for us by repenting and reminding himself of God's faithfulness. **Preach God's light to your darkness**. And in our final psalm, the Israelites' eyes were on their idols, their current desires. Asaph encouraged them to teach their hearts the history of who God has been to them. May God take my eyes off others, off my problems, off myself, and off my desires, and fix my eyes on Him"*

- **Do you find that your focus can affect your perspective? What happens when you take your focus off yourself and others and place your eyes back on the Lord?**

**Psalm 92** is a Song for the Sabbath. Sabbath is a day to set aside in your normal rhythm for rest and worship, but let's take a minute to think about what setting aside this time means.

Tim Keller shares these thoughts...

*"To us the word "rest" conveys mainly inactivity, but the main way the Biblical Sabbath day renews strength and joy is through worship. Anything that we love or serve more than God becomes an idol that saps our strength. Idols of career or money or relationship are never satisfied. So the worship of the true God of perfect love restores and invigorates us. The worship of God does not only make us rejoice; it also opens our minds and makes us think. We are all naturally as blind to spiritual realities as a physically blind person is to his or her surrounding environment. Only through worship are we restored to vigor from the exhaustion and burnout of seeking our own glory."*

So what are we to do on the Sabbath day to renew our strength and joy from the "exhaustion and burnout of seeking our own glory" ... the text in **Psalm 92** gives us some clues.

Vs. 4 says..."For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD; I sing for joy at what your hands have done."

Vs. 5 says... "How great are your works, LORD, how profound your thoughts!"

Vs.12-15 say... "The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

On Sabbath, we are supposed to set aside the normal hustle of "seeking our own glory" to rest in Him by focusing on what He has done, what He has given and what He has made. There are many ways to do this... gathering with your

church family to worship, enjoying His creation, spending quality time with your family, turning down the noise of media and technology.

A Sabbath rest day is an opportunity to slow down and put aside the to do list in order to be quiet with the Lord so you can clearly discern His voice and see His work all around you. When practiced regularly, Sabbath can be a reset in our rhythm to remind us that we can rest and He is in control. He makes us “flourish like a palm tree”, he sustains us, we will bear fruit and flourish because of His work, not ours. Sabbath is a time to reflect on God’s gifts, His goodness and His faithfulness. It’s a day to renew and restore us from the burnout of trying to go it alone by slowing down and resting in Him. A true reset of our focus and frame of mind to bring us back into alignment with Him on a regular basis. We flourish when we give our souls time to rest in Him.

- **Do you regularly practice a day of Sabbath? If so share your experiences, if not, how can you begin to carve out this time in your weekly rhythm? (If Sunday doesn’t work for your family, pick a different day. If an entire day isn’t possible, carve out a morning, afternoon, or evening to get started)**

On Day 119, we jump back into I Chronicles, here we see the death of Saul addressed again.

Here’s what Tara- Leigh says about Saul’s death:

*“Saul was the leader of God’s people, and he wasn’t seeking God. In fact, he was seeking counsel from people God had commanded him to kill, people who were enemies of God’s Kingdom. Verse 14 tells us that God put him to death. The fact that God claims credit for Saul’s death might be a tough pill to swallow for a variety of reasons, but here’s what it showed me about God that’s comforting: God protects His people. God would not stand for a leader who was doing things his own way, disregarding the good of the people, betraying the God of the Universe, and seeking selfish gain. God would not allow that person to continue leading this nation-state that He had put His own name on. God’s protective nature makes me trust Him more. And even though I wasn’t part of that nation-state, I know He’s protective of me too. Does harm happen to God’s kids? Absolutely. But He preserves what is most important: our souls and our relationship with Him. He’s vigilant when it comes to the things of eternal value. I’m so glad that He has made me His forever, and that He’s the one who keeps me.”*

Saul’s failures were many, but here’s a few to remember: he became impatient waiting for Samuel and took it upon himself to make a burnt offering, which was a violation of God’s law (1 Sam 13:9-14). He also made a rash vow that almost cost his son Jonathan his life (1 Sam 14:24-45). After David killed Goliath and vindicated God’s name, Saul hated David for the praise he received and tried to kill him multiple times. His partial obedience in the matter of the Amalekites cost him the kingdom. The sad, pitiful end of Israel’s first king provides an example to us of the difference between living for God and living for yourself. Saul’s life followed the path of convenience, rather than one that sought to serve the Lord.

- **How did you feel about Saul’s death?**

## **Day 120 -121 - Psalm 102-104, II Samuel 5, I Chronicles 11-12**

In **Psalm 103**, we once again see David reminding himself how to think, feel and act... he’s preaching “light to his darkness” as Tara-Leigh says.

Tim Keller says this of what David is doing in Psalm 103:

*“Here is how to work the Gospel into one’s own heart until it transforms. It happens through inward dialogue, speaking directly and forcefully to your own heart (“my soul”) rather than just listening to it. Biblical meditation, unlike the popular varieties, is not a relaxation technique for emptying the mind but rather one that fills it with*

*truth, using thought and memory to set your heart on fire. Here David dwells on the truth that God forgives sin and eventually will remove all suffering and diseases. When we ask, we get forgiveness now (1 John 1:8-9), but we may not get suffering removed now (2 Corinthians 12:8-9; 2 Samuel 12:13-23). That is because while sin always blocks our relationship with God, suffering can deepen it."*

- **Do you see how you could benefit from "preaching light into your darkness" in hard times?**
- **Have you ever experienced a season of suffering that deepened your relationship with God?**

On Day 121, we see David finally officially anointed as the King of Israel. It's a sign of Israel being a united Kingdom as the tribes come together under ONE leader. We see about 15 years have passed from the time that Samuel first anointed David as king, so he had to wait 15 long years to be the official leader of these people.

- **How did you see David grow in that season of waiting?**
- **Have you ever experienced a season of waiting before taking a leadership role? How did God grow you in that season of waiting?**

We see the people come together to appoint David the king. In these passages, they show great respect for him as a leader. They acknowledged that even back when Saul was king, David had fought Israel's battles as well as recognizing God's calling and anointing on him, for God had said to David, "You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will be ruler" (5:2). We see David conquer Jerusalem, which many before him had tried and failed to conquer and he is able to conquer the Philistines because he was seeking the Lord.

Tara-Leigh points out this about King David:

*"In battle, David had a habit of inquiring of the Lord and obeying Him, and he saw success in this area. But in his private life -- like when it comes to women -- he did not inquire of the Lord. And the outcome made that obvious. Despite his great victories, scripture makes it clear that he wasn't perfect."*

Sometimes we seek the Lord and are obedient to Him in certain areas of our lives and hold back in other areas.

- **Why do we hold back certain areas of our lives from the Lord? Have you seen this to be true in your own life? If so what results have you seen from holding back obedience?**
- **List what you have learned about God's character from studying the life of David so far?**

### **Names & Attributes of God we've seen in these passages of Scripture**

EL ELYON (The Most High God, Sovereign God) – Gen 14:17-20, Psalm 9:1

ADONAI (Lord, Master) – Psalm 123:2, Luke 5:5

JEHOVAH RAPHA (The Lord Who Heals / Healer ) – Exodus 15:26, Psalm 147:3, Psalm 103:1-3

ELOHIM (Creator God, powerful and mighty) – Genesis 1:1, Psalm 19:1, Psalm 139:13-16

ZUR (The Rock) – Deut 32:4, Psalm 18:1-2, Psalm 18:31, I Cor. 10:1-4

EL (The Strong One) – Psalm 27:1, Psalm 46:1-3 Psalm 118:14

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR – Isaiah 9:6, Psalm 16:7, Psalm 32:8

DELIVERER – Psalm 18:1-2, Psalm 34:4, Psalm 34:7, Romans 11:26-27, 2 Timothy 4:18

KEEPER – Psalm 121:1-8

PORTION – Psalm 16:5-6, Psalm 73:26, Psalm 119:57

EXCEEDING JOY - Psalm 43:4, Psalm 16:11

FORGIVER - Col 3:13, Eph 4:32, 1 John 1:9, Isaiah 52:25-26, Col 1:13-14, Psalm 103:12, Micah 7:18-19

SLOW TO ANGER - Psalm 103:8, Exodus 34:6-7, Numbers 14:18, Joel 2:13

GRACE / GRACIOUS - Psalm 86:15, Exodus 33:19, Psalm 25:16, Psalm 6:2, Numbers 6:25

JUDGE - Psalm 50:6, Isaiah 33:22, James 4:12, Psalm 9:8

LORD OF HOSTS (Commander of Heavenly Armies) - Isaiah 47:4, Psalm 46:7, Psalm 91:11

KIND - Ephesians 2:7, Titus 3:4-7, Psalm 36:7, Psalm 63:3

STABILITY / ESTABLISHED - Isaiah 33:6, Psalm 93:3, Psalm 103:19

LIFE - John 11:25-26, John 1:3-4, Psalm 16:11, Psalm 36:9, John 3:36

## **Additional Resources available at [www.graceclarksville.com/womenintheword](http://www.graceclarksville.com/womenintheword)**

### **Books:**

- *30 Days to Understanding Your Bible* by Max Anders

### **Videos:**

- [Judges Overview Video](#)
- [Ruth Overview Video](#)
- [I Samuel Overview Video](#)
- [Psalm Overview Video](#)
- [II Samuel Overview Video](#)
- [I Chronicles Overview Video](#)

### **Websites for further studies:**

- <https://bibleproject.com/> - Great overview videos by theme, book of the Bible and topic
- <https://www.blueletterbible.org/> - Choose a version of the Bible and click TOOLS next to the verse