

Tips:

- David gained the hearts of the people by protecting them from their enemies. Saul used bribery and fear to keep his forces together. He established a police state where people spied on one another to report anyone who disagreed with him. Israel had asked for a king like other nations had. That’s what they got, a suspicious, unethical tyrant.
- Though David had opportunities to eliminate Saul, he could not bring himself to do anything that would displease God. He trusted God to guide him and protect him rather than relying on his own abilities.
- When Saul persisted in disobeying God, God cut off communication with Saul. Saul lost his army, his honor, and his life.

Days 134-140 - One Story Readings

Day	Reading	Look for:
134	1Sam 22 Psa 63 Psa 52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doeg killing priests by Saul’s order • David’s joy in God • David’s confidence in God
135	1Sam 23 1Sam 24 Psa 54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David seeking God’s direction • David sparing Saul • David giving God credit for saving Him
136	1Sam 25 Psa 14:1-3 Pro 10:6-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nabal being a fool • God’s view of what makes a fool • Characteristics of a fool
137	1Sam 26 Mat 5:38-48 Rom 12:14-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David sparing Saul again • What Jesus says about enemies • Paul’s advice on overcoming evil
138	1Sam 28 1Chr 10:13-14 Pro 1:22-33	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God cutting off communication with Saul and how Saul responded • How God judged Saul
139	1Sam 29 1Sam 30 Hab 3:17-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to find strength in God during hard times

Day	Reading	Look for:
140	day off	