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DAVID AND BATHSHEBA

PRAY

Lord, I thank You for the wisdom and guidance in Your Word that shows me the best way to live.

READ

2 Samuel 11:1-12:25

REFLECT

What do you think David did wrong and right in this story? How could he have avoided this tragedy? What valuable lessons can you learn from David?

APPLY

In your interactions today, watch for temptations to do wrong and to cover it up. If necessary, tactfully confront someone else who, like David, needs it.

PRAY

God, keep me honest about any wrong in my life and open to hearing from others when I'm not.

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KING SOLOMON

PRAY

I praise You for Your great wisdom, Lord. You are such a wise and good God, and You share Your wisdom with me.

READ

1 Kings 2-3

REFLECT

If God promised to give you anything you asked for, what would you request? Why? What are some right, and wrong, motivations for prayer?

APPLY

Write on a piece of paper the 3-5 greatest sources of wisdom in your life. Reflect on how you can add to them or increase the wisdom you gain from current sources.

PRAY

Show me, O God, how I can gain greater wisdom, not for my sake but for the sake of those around me.

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SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

PRAY

Thank God today that he is with you every second of the day, and that nothing can change that.

READ

1 Kings 8:1-9:9

REFLECT

The Temple was a special place where God's glory was present. Do you sense God's presence clearly when you go to church? How? What might "cloud" that sense?

APPLY

As you go through the day, stop frequently to remind yourself that God is with you each minute, and to sense his presence with you and enjoy it.

PRAY

Pray now for a greater, clearer sense of God's loving presence in your life each day.

ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL

PRAY

Lord, I'm grateful for the good people who teach me so well what it means to follow You.

READ

1 Kings 16:29-19:18

REFLECT

The people didn't trust God to feed them so they worshiped both the Lord and the idol Baal. Have you ever been tempted to do something like that? How can you avoid it?

APPLY

Is there anything you need that's so big it's hard to trust God to provide it? If so, write it on a piece of paper and next to it write; "God is big enough to do it." Trust that.

PRAY

Lord, You proved Your power through Elijah. Help me to trust that You can provide anything I need.

THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

PRAY

Thank God that he is in control of all things that will come your way during this day.

READ

2 King 25

REFLECT

The fall of Jerusalem was punishment for Israel's sin. Do you believe God uses disasters of different kinds to punish people today? Who would you warn if you could?

APPLY

Pause today to confess any sin in your life you're aware of and ask. God's forgiveness for both your wrongs and the wrongs of your nation, also.

PRAY

Lord God, I know You are a totally just and loving God and I trust in that completely.