

SAMUEL LISTENS TO GOD

PRAY

Thank you, God, that You speak to me in the Bible. Help me to listen and learn well today

READ

I Samuel 1-3

REFLECT

Have you ever felt that God was speaking directly to you somehow? How could you tell? When you speak to God how do you know that he really hears you?

APPLY

If there's anything deeply troubling you today, set a time to share your trouble with God in prayer as soon as you can.

PRAY

Lord, I'm grateful that you hear my prayers and want to give me what is best for me.

KING SAUL

PRAY

Thank God for the leaders of government (at all levels) and pray for him to give them wisdom to lead well.

READ

I Samuel 8-10

REFLECT

The people rejected God as their king. What role do you think religion has in national life and politics? What evidence of faith do you expect in a political leader?

APPLY

Write a note of encouragement today to a local or state political leader. Praise them in any way possible and assure them to your prayers for them as they lead.

PRAY

Lord, remind me to pray for my government leaders and to support and encourage them in any way I can.

DAVID AND GOLIATH

PRAY

Lord, may I confront any challenges this or any day trusting in Your awesome power and Your love for me.

READ

I Samuel 16:1-18:16

REFLECT

Do you think David was really courageous or just foolhardy to fight Goliath? How can you judge when it's right to take on such a fight? Do you face one now?

APPLY

Courage to face the "goliaths" of life come from a strong faith and the support of others. Take some concrete steps, beginning today, to strengthen both.

PRAY

Ask God for courage to face any "goliaths" in your life. Pray to be able to trust him as young David did.

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DAVID AND SAUL

PRAY

Ask God to help you maintain a healthy relationship with anyone in authority over you.

READ

I Samuel 23:7-24:22

REFLECT

Is there a coworker, supervisor or other that you find it difficult to get along with? Why do you think that is so? What can you do to help make the relationship better?

APPLY

As you go through your day relating to “difficult” people identify any negative attitudes and actions you can and try to react with a positive, disarming attitude or action.

PRAY

Lord, please give me the patience and insight I need in order to bring peace to my difficult relationship.

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KING DAVID

PRAY

Lord God, I pray to know You better so that I can be more and more the person you want me to be.

READ

2 Samuel 5-7

REFLECT

David wanted to build a “house” for the Lord. If you could do anything for God, what would it be? What’s standing in the way of doing it?

APPLY

Today, be alert to any concrete, practical things that you can do for God, whether big or little. Pray first to ask if they are appropriate and, if so, do or at least begin them.

PRAY

Ask God to show you how you can best serve him, in both big and little ways, today and each day.