



DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLE READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

DAVID

1 SAMUEL 19:1-20:42

Jonathan knew David was God's king for Israel and was convinced that God would save him and destroy his enemies—the greatest of which was Jonathan's own father! His loyalty is a great example of Jesus's words in the Gospels when he told his disciples, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, and even his own life—he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26). Jonathan's love for David looked like hatred toward his own father, but he loved David more than his own life. May we all have the same kind of allegiance to King Jesus.

HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOUR LOYALTY TO CHRIST?

WHAT COMPETES FOR YOUR LOYALTY TO JESUS?

WHY SHOULD YOU GIVE JESUS YOUR ALLEGIANCE?

DAY 02

SAMUEL 24:1-22

HOW HAVE YOU STRUGGLED WITH THE DESIRE TO "GET EVEN"?

HOW CAN YOU OVERCOME THE TEMPTATION TO TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS?

WHO CAN YOU SHOW MERCY TO TODAY?

David had a perfect opportunity to destroy his enemy and save his own life, but he didn't take it. Instead, David showed mercy to the man who was seeking to kill him. He said, "May the Lord judge between me and you, and may the Lord take vengeance on you for me, but my hand will never be against you. (10-12) You don't have to be against those who are against you. You can show compassion and mercy. Leave the vengeance to God and decide today that your hand will never be against your neighbor, even those who are determined to be against you.

DAY 03

2 SAMUEL 6:1-21

Worship is to and for God. When the ark of the covenant was brought to Jerusalem, King David danced and celebrated before the Lord. When we have joy in God, it cannot stay hidden. It will express itself through praise. But everyone wasn't like David. Michal, his wife, failed to worship God because she was too caught up in what David was doing. When it is time to praise the Lord, don't get preoccupied with others. Focus on Him and praise Him as if for an audience of One.

HOW HAVE YOU BEEN DISTRACTED BY OTHERS DURING WORSHIP?

HOW CAN YOU FOCUS ON GOD MORE DURING WORSHIP?

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN EXPRESS YOUR PRAISE TO GOD?

DAY 01

2 SAMUEL 7:1-17

HOW HAVE YOU BROKEN YOUR WORD?

WHY IS IT COMFORTING THAT GOD DOES NOT BREAK HIS WORD?

WHAT IS A PROMISE FROM GOD THAT YOU ARE THANKFUL FOR?

God keeps His word! When we look throughout the Scriptures, we find God making promises to people like King David. God fulfilled His promise through Jesus. David did not live to see it, but God would establish a temple through his son, Solomon, and establish David's throne forever through David's son, Jesus. God's timing is not always what we might hope or imagine. But God always comes through. You can trust him today and forever.

DAY 05

2 SAMUEL 7:18-24

David gives us a great example for how to pray. He was humble. He didn't speak to God with a spirit of entitlement. And yet, David was also bold. He asked God to fulfill His promise and spoke with courage. He wasn't too afraid to ask God to do something big. Humble yourself before God and pray bold prayers. You can and should do both today and every day!

WHAT MIGHT IT LOOK LIKE FOR YOU TO PRAY WITH HUMILITY?

HOW CAN YOU PRAY WITH MORE BOLDNESS?

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU NEED TO COMMIT TO GOD IN PRAYER?