

2 Samuel 1:1-16 - *"So, what DID happen to Saul?"*

- How did David and his troops end up acquiring the city of Ziklag?
 - We have 3 accounts of the death of king Saul. 1.) 1 Samuel 31:3-5; 2.) 1 Chronicles 10:3-5; and 3.) here in 2 Samuel 1:6-10. NOTE: the accounts in 1 Samuel and 1 Chronicles are almost identical.
 - The Amalekites accounts differs from the other two (2) accounts. Of the two different versions, if you had to choose which one was correct, which one would you choose and why?
 - Is there a way to reconcile the two accounts that is suitable to you?
 - The death of Saul for David and his servants meant: no more running, debts were cancelled (1 Samuel 22:2), and now they were the servants and friends of Israel's new king. Yet they mourned instead of rejoicing.
 - Have someone read 1 Corinthians 13:6 and describe how to apply this principal in our every day lives.
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2 Samuel 1:17-27 - *"The Song of the Bow"*

- Saul was not a good spiritual leader, but he brought prosperity to the nation (v.24). All of America's soldiers may not be Christian, but we can thank God for the blessings that we have received their their heroic acts.
 - How could the love that Jonathan displayed towards David be greater than that of a woman's?
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2 Samuel 2 *"Civil War in Israel"*

- David is a man known for his persistence in seeking counsel from God prior to making decisions.
 - How can seek and hear from the Lord before making decisions in our lives?
- How old when David when he was anointed king in Judah?
- Why would the people re-anoint David after Samuel already anointed him?
- Abner understood that David was anointed by Samuel to be king after Saul and he even heard it from the mouth of King Saul himself (1 Sam 24:20; 1 Sam 26:25). Why then would Abner persist in establishing Ishbosheth as king?