

March 16

1 Samuel 17:38-50

This passage tells about David defeating Goliath with a sling and a stone.

Question to Consider:

The image of David and Goliath is often used when referring to someone (or some nation, organization, etc.) that is small facing off against someone or something that is large. Can you think of a recent example of that? If so, what was it?

Prayer:

Father God, David was willing to face Goliath because he had complete trust in you. I pray that I will be able to trust you that same way - completely. In the name of Jesus I pray, Amen.

March 17

1 Samuel 18:1-16

Over time, Saul gave David more responsibility and his success and popularity grew - so much that Saul felt threatened. At the same time, David and Saul's son Jonathan became very close friends.

Question to Consider:

Saul felt threatened by David's growing success. How might Saul have better responded to David's growing power and popularity?

Prayer:

Gracious God, please help me to respond to people as you would have me respond, regardless of the circumstances. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

March 18

1 Samuel 24:1-22

As time passed, Saul felt increasingly threatened by David and David feared for his life, so he left Saul's presence. David had some men with him and Saul pursued them. In this passage, we read that David had a chance to strike at Saul, but did not.

Question to Consider:

Did David do the right thing in not attacking Saul? Why, or why not?

Prayer:

Loving God, doing the right thing can be very difficult. Please help me to consistently do what is right, even when doing the right thing is also very difficult. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

March 19

2 Samuel 7:1-17

Eventually, Saul died and David did become king. In these verses, we read of the amazing promise God made to David with regard to his (David's) kingdom.

Question to Consider:

God made an astonishing promise to David. Imagine being in David's position. Would you see such a promise as a good thing, or something that is overwhelming and frightening?

Prayer:

Almighty God, the day may come when you promise something great to me. Please help me to hear your promise as good news and to receive it with joy and thanksgiving. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

March 20

1 Kings 1:28-40

After many years in power, the time came for David to hand the throne to a successor. In these verses, we read that the throne was turned over to David's son Solomon.

Question to Consider:

The time had come for David to hand off power to someone else. Has there been a time when you had to hand off something significant to another person - maybe a job, or a material possession? What was it? What was your experience?

Prayer:

All-powerful God, there will come a time when I need to hand off something to someone else. It could be a responsibility, or a job, or some object that has special meaning. Please help me to do it with grace and thanksgiving. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.