THE Story

Lesson 20 Chapter 11 From Shepherd to King p.145-160

1. On pages 145-146 we have the account of David's anointing to replace Saul as king. What are the implications and applications of God's words to Samuel:

"How long will you mourn for Saul?"

"People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

2. Pages 146-150 presents the story of David's confrontation with Goliath. What was it that made David view the situation differently, and gave him courage, when all the men of Israel were so afraid?

How did David's past experiences of the Lord's deliverance give him confidence to face the present challenge?

What practical lessons does this teach us about...

...the value of remembering &

...the importance of proving God's presence and power in ordinary daily living?

3. On page 149 we read that David picked up 5 stones before confronting Goliath. Any thoughts as to why?

4. How were fear and jealousy like a cancer in Saul's spirit?

5. This chapter includes two powerful prayers of David: one from Psalm 59 (p.152) and another from II Samuel 22:1-7,47 (p. 154-55)
What do you learn from David's heart from these honest, passionate cries to God?

6. Why did David spare Saul when he had the chance to be free of Saul's attempts to kill him? (p.153-154)

Compare David's actions to Paul's words in Romans 12:19-21. What are the implications and applications for us today?

7. David had to wait 14 years between being anointed and actually sitting on the throne. What keeps us hopeful when we have to wait?

8. On page 157 we read about the death of Uzzah when he touched the ark. Look up I Chronicles 15:11-15....based on those verses, why did Uzzah die?

9. On pages 158-160 we read of David's desire to build a house for God. Why was God's answer so overwhelming that David "sat before the Lord"?

10. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....
sins to avoid &
examples to follow
our God...
His promises to claim &
His character to embrace