Lesson 13 – August 28

1 Samuel 27-31

VICTORY

LORD Sees the Heart

the Heart

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1 Samuel

1.	June 5	Answered!	1-2	Hannah Prays, Vows, Samuel Born
2.	June 12	Called	3	Boy Samuel Clearly God Called
3.	June 19	Worthy!	4-7	Philistines Take Ark … oooops!
4.	June 26	King?	8-11	Israel, "Give us a King!"
5.	July 3	Feared	12	Thunder and Rain … to Obey?
6.	July 10	Judged	13-15	Samuel Regrets, Rejects King Saul
7.	July 17	Anointed!	16	David Anointed—Lord Sees the Heart
8.	July 24	Delivered	17	David Whips Goliath
9.	July 31	Faithful	18-20	David and Jonathan's Loyalty
10.	Aug. 7	Blinded	21-23	Saul Pursues David & Followers
11.	Aug. 14	Protected	24-25	Abigail's Wisdom Saves Home
12.	Aug. 21	Respect	26	David Spares King Saul's Life II
13.	*Aug. 28*	*Victory*	*30-31*	*David Pursues Raiders & Saul Killed*

1 Samuel 27-31

VICTORY

Thanks to Michael Gracey for this one

I don't like making plans for the day.

Because then the word "*premeditated*" gets thrown around in the courtroom.

Plans for the day.

Many, *many* times the day unfolds unexpectantly

Surprises

Good and Bad

What unfolds for David and his men surprised them … shook them to their bones.

When your FAMILY is attacked nothing HURTS more

David's and his men's families were CAPTURED by rogue raiders

1 Samuel 27-31

Lesson Author's Theme

Only God supplies true and lasting victory.

27	*David to King Achish in Gath*
28	*BATTLE Drums & Saul visits Witch of Endor*
29	*Philistines fight Israel, reject David*
30:1-5	*David returns to Burned Ziglag … All Weep*
30:6-8	**Decision Time – Troops Angry, David Goes to Lord**
30:9-17	*David Pursues Amalekites …*
30:18-20	**Recovered – David Recovers All: "David's Plunder!"**
30:21-31	**Victory for All – David Shares, Sends to Judah**
31	*Saul & Sons Fight Philistines on Mt. Gilboa—the end*

Plans for the day?

Psalm 19:21

**Many are the PLANS in a person's heart,
but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.**

We know that is true …

When reason has time to run its course … and

AFTERWARD … we put our trust in God

Yet, in Crisis … reason is pushed aside

1 Samuel 27-31

Plans for the day?

IN CRISIS

we think LESS of "purpose"

and much MORE on

SALVATION

like … like

GOD!!!

Have mercy!

Save

me

save my

FAMILY

1 Samuel 26

Alternative Title

To the Victor Go the Spoils of the HEART

1 Samuel – Brief Review

1-2 Hannah Prays, Vows, Samuel Born

No Rock Like Our God

3 Boy Samuel Clearly God Called

Lamp of God Had NOT Gone Out

4-7 Philistines take Ark … oooops!

Raiders of the Lost Ark, Staring Ancient Philistines

8-11 Israel, "Give us a King!"

What Would Grandpa Do? - Samuel, Israel's Beloved Grandpa

Grandpa—Tell Me 'Bout the Good Ol' Days

12 Thunder and Rain … to Obey?

Fear the Lord—Forget Not What He Has Done in Love

13-15 Samuel Regrets … Rejects King Saul

Don't Mess with Grandpa or Jonathan, Two Ways to Go

16 David Anointed—Lord sees the heart

Lord Looks at the HEART

Some say love, it is a river
That drowns the tender reed.

1 Samuel - Review

17 David Whips Goliath

Battle Is the Lord's, Though often It Seems Not

18-20 David and Jonathan's Loyalty

Friends—Crown Jewels of Life

21-23 Saul Pursues David & Followers

Know when to Hold'em, Know when to Fold'em, Know when to Run

24-25 Abigail's Wisdom Saves Household

Wise Women Rock—David Saw Abigail's Self-Sacrifice

. . . and we saw David spare Saul's Life I

26 David Spares King Saul's Life II

Be a Man or Woman After God's Own Heart

37-31 David Pursues Raiders & Saul Killed

To the Victor Go the Spoils of the … H E A R T

Key Verse 30:6

But David found strength in the LORD his God.

27:1-12 David to King Achish in Gath

Tragic – No Way Home

After sparing King Saul x2
David STILL could not go home

1 Samuel 27:1 – David thought to himself, "One of these days I will bedestroyed by the hand of Saul. The best thing I can do is to escape to the land of the Philistines…."

David heads once again to the Dark Lands of the Pagan Dagon Worshippers

27:1-12 David to King Achish in Gath

2-3 David, 600 men & families go to King Achish son of Maok King of Gath.

4 When Saul told … ended search

5 David asks Achish for a **country town** to live in

Like maybe … ???

WOODVILLE

27:1-12 David to King Achish in Gath

5 David asks Achish for a **country town** to live in

or … maybe … ???

Rockland

Compare size with

Tyler County

David likes Rockland … so David heads from Warren to Rockland

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8 Now David and his men went up and raided the Geshurites, the Girzites and the Amalekites—the Amalekites. From ancient times these had lived in the land extending to Shur and Egypt.

Remember, chapter 24-25, David spared Saul's life first time in Engedi …

After sparing King Saul 1st time, David goes to Desert of Paran …

After that, he hears about Nabal shearing sheep in Carmel …

Yes, Foolish Toad Nabal

there we saw how

Wise Women Rock

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8 Now David and his men went up and raided the Geshurites, the Girzites and the Amalekites—the Amalekites. From ancient times these had lived in the land extending to Shur and Egypt.

9 Whenever David attacked an area, he did not leave a man or woman alive, but took sheep and cattle, donkeys and camels, and clothes.

27:1-12 David to King Achish in Gath

NOTICE

David returned to Achish.

As David goes **TO** and **FROM** Wilderness of Shur

He crosses Valley of Besor going and returning to Gath

We will see more of the Valley of Besor shortly

27:1-12 David to King Achish in Gath

10 **When** Achish asked, "Where did you go raiding?"

David would say, "Against the Negev of Judah" or "the Negev of Jerahmeel" or "the Kenites."

Lied about Mass Murders

Verse 11 REPEATS verse 9

He did not leave a man or woman alive to be brought to Gath …

thinking, "**They might inform on us.**" Such was his practice as long as he lived in Philistine territory.

Lot of Bloody Murder

27:1-12 David to King Achish in Gath

12 **Achish trusted David**, thinking, "He's become so obnoxious to his people, the Israelites, that he will be my servant for life."

View in 2009 of areas E, A, P and F worked on by archeologists – looking SW

See Map in Quarterly

THREE Dramas happen @ SAME TIME, overlapping

chapter

1st 28 - Saul visits Witch of Endor

2nd 29 - Philistines gather @ Aphek
- **Isreal @ Jezreel**
- **Philistines reject David**

3rd 30 - David back to Ziglag, adopted home, Living as a Double Agent
- ***Lying to Achish - Killing Foreigners***
- ***Remaining True to Kinsmen Israel***

The End ...

31 - Saul & Sons killed on Gilboa

See Map in Quarterly

Chapter 28

Saul visits Witch of Endor

Very informative visit on very many levels

- ✓ Remember the Rich Man and Lazarus
- ✓ Witch *surprised* … clearly she did **NOT** raise him
- ✓ Dead Samuel came up from grave to the living at behest of and by power of GOD …
- ✓ Says a lot about the WORLD and spiritual things …

Witch of Endor, 1857
Nikolai Ge

"En-Dor" by Rudyard Kipling

First published in1919

The road to En-dor is easy to tread

.... to the closing verses

Lying spirits perplex us sore
Till our loves—and their lives—
are well-known at En-dor

Oh the road to En-dor is the oldest road
And the craziest road of all!
Straight it runs to the Witch's abode,
As it did in the days of Saul,

And nothing has changed of the sorrow in store
For such as go down on the road to En-dor!

Witch of Endor, 1857
Nikolai Ge

If King Saul only knew

There was only
one thing TO DO

If there's something strange
in the neighborhood

GHOST BUSTERS

En-Dor … Any Witch Way's Wrong

Remember Engedi?

- ✓ En-gedi – Spring of baby goat
- ✓ En-dor – Spring of the age

Lot could be said …

What we know … Saul removed the the mediums and sorcerers

… then Saul found himself searching for a Witch

For our purposes here, know this

to the death and good life of all,

What you **BELIEVE** in your heart is what you truly are and your **TREASURE**

in sum

Saul did NOT TRUST God well

David DID TRUST God well

Witch of Endor, 1857
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Chapter 29

- Philistines @ Aphek
- Isreal @ Jezreel
- Philistines reject David

David told to leave in the morning

Philistines head north to Jezreel

David and his men leave and head back to Ziglag . . . arrive on third day

David & Men … are **SHOCKED**

Cut to the **quick of their hearts**

30:1-6 David returns to burned Ziglag … All Weep

1-2 David and his men reached Ziklag on the third day.

Amalekites had raided the Negev and Ziklag.

Burned Ziklag

Took women, everyone, young and old.

Killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way.

30:1-6 David returns to burned Ziglag … All Weep

3 When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive.

4 David and men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep.

5 David's two wives were captured also …

The PAIN, the HURT …

Wept to the END of their strength …

Really now … have you ever … WEPT so long and hard?

What does that say about their HEARTS … about OUR HEARTS

30:6-8 Decision Time – Troops Angry, David to Lord

6 David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the LORD his God.

Yet, remember who David's nephew was, Abishai … and bodyguard, Benaiah!
and the Three Mighty Men w/ 30

SOME men talked … as weak people do …

But David found strength in the LORD his God.

30:6-8 Decision Time – Troops Angry, David to Lord

7-8 Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelek, "Bring me the ephod." Abiathar brought it to him, and David inquired of the LORD,

"Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?"

"Pursue them," LORD answered. "You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue."

Exodus 28

Garments of the High Priest

30:6-8 Decision Time – Troops Angry, David to Lord

Ephod carried the Urim and Thummim

Urim = Lights/Revelation, Thummim = Truth

Urim & Thummim = Light & Truth

Some say like two coins, possible meaning:

Two Heads = YES Two Tails = No

One Head, One Tails = No Answer

Yale University Shield

Urim & Thummim in Hebrew

Latin: Lux et Veritas

Light and Truth

when Yale was est. 1701

as a Christian University

first appearing on diplomas in 1749

Exodus 28

Garments of the High Priest

30:9-17 David Pursue Amalekites …

9 David and 600 came to the **Besor Valley**, where some stayed behind.

Besor Valley runs NW

Besor wadi is a stream in rainy season that begins at **Sde Boker**, flows NW to Mediterranean just south of Gaza

David and 600 came to the **Besor Valley**, where some stayed behind.

30:9-17 David Pursue Amalekites …

Israel's first Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion retired in 1953 to Sde Boker … Ben-Gurion University is located near there

30:9-17 David Pursues Amalekites …

David Ben-Gurion, in renewing the Negev, said,

The desert provides us with the best opportunity to begin again.... vital element of our renaissance in Israel.... Israel must … continue to represent the Jewish people without renouncing its glorious past. It must earn this—which is no small task—a right that can only be acquired in the desert.

As our David did in 1000 B.C.

Road along Valley of Besor

30:9-17 David Pursues Amalekites …

10 200 were too exhausted to cross the valley, but David and other 400 continued the pursuit.

No surprise there …

David & men pursued

30:9-17 David Pursues Amalekites …

11-12 They found an Egyptian … gave him water and food to eat—part of a cake of pressed figs and two cakes of raisins. He ate and was revived … had no food or water 3 days …

30:9-17 David Pursues Amalekites …

13 David asked him,
"Who do you belong to?
Where do you come from?

30:9-17 David Pursue Amalekites …

He said, "I am an Egyptian … slave … My master abandoned me when I became ill 3 days ago.

30:9-17 David Pursue Amalekites …

14 We raided the Negev of the Kerethites … Judah … Caleb, burned Ziklag."

15 David asked him, "Can you lead me down to this raiding party?"

30:9-17 David Pursue Amalekites …

16 He led David down, and there the Amalekites were, scattered over the countryside, eating … reveling because of **Great Plunder….**

30:9-17 David Pursue Amalekites …

17 David fought them from dusk until the evening of the next day, and none of them got away,

Except 400 who rode off on camels.

30:9-17 David Pursue Amalekites …

From dusk
to evening of the next day

Hostage Incident?

I'm an expert … sort of … on BEING a Hostage

Annual In-service, block of instruction
on Hostage Taking … *every year*

Common rules: cooperate, DON'T play hero,
run ONLY if 100% sure you can escape …

Next Rule: KNOW that the Calvary IS COMING

Next: *WHEN* the Calvary comes, *Get DOWN*

My view, AS a Hostage, if the law shoots a hostage taker … FINE

30:9-17 David Pursue Amalekites …

From dusk
to evening of the next day

One thing we KNOW about David
he and his 3 & 30 **Mighty Men**
and 400 Angry **MOTIVATED Men**

They were **EXPERTS in Judean Guerilla Warfare**

David might have formed a few
dozen squads … like a dozen **Attack Squads**

Followed by **Recovery Squads** to secure, scurry
captives, young and old, to a designated

Followed by a few **Bounty Recovery Squads** …

Darkness has fallen on the Amalekite camp

Moon is bright … fires here and there

I hear the whimpers of children … sobs of *few* mothers …

Laughter of drunken men

LOOK there, I … I see Abigail

Abigail is holding a little girl,
the great-niece of Abishai …

7-yr old girl, Debra,
named after Judge Debra

Abigail is stroking
little Debra's jet black hair . . .

Abigail's WISE eyes watching

EVERY move

David and Abigail by Antonio Molinari (1655-1704

Several women and children surround Abigail

Abigail whispers, "Debra, don't worry, David will come."

Little Debra whimpers. Abigail says, "Your Uncle Abishai too."

Debra crackles for the first time,

"I love Uncle Bishee so much. I hope those mean Amalekeekees don't hurt my Uncle Bishee."

"Let me tell you about Benaiah," Abigail said.

"Who?" asked Debra.

"David's chief bodyguard."

"Oh," said Debra, "You mean Benny."

"Yes," Debra grinned, "Benny!"

"Benny's such a Teddy Bear," said Debra.

NOT what Abigail was thinking,

and hoping this night

"One time," Abigail continued, "**Benaiah** went into pit in the snow and killed a lion."

One mother rolled her eyes, a few others looked at Abigail.

Abigial said, "These Amalekites will be,"
she pauses, **"like LITTLE KITTENS to Benaiah!"**

Two big Amalekites sauntered by … guard change

Little Debra could not help herself,
she blurted out,

"You … YOU will be KITTENS when my Uncle Bishee gets here!"

The Amalekite choked on his wine, laughed,
and looked into **Abigail's FIERY eyes.**

To Abigail he said, "I'll see *YOU* later"

Benaiah Killing Man of Moab, 1829
by William Etty

Abigail silently stroked little Debra's hair

One woman put her hands over her eyes, bowed her head.

Fear ... you could cut the FEAR with a knife ...

Then ... THUD ... THUD

sound of big sack of figs hitting the ground

no potatoes in 1000 B.C. Israel

Remember Abishai with David over King Saul

"I'll strike him once ... not a second time"

Know the MOTTO of the 1000 B.C. Judean Special Forces???

One THUD One KILL!

From behind a tree, Benaiah stood up

on his head and shoulders was camouflage brush

Little Debra's eyes grew *LARGE* ...

then she pointed,

"Look, it's Benny!"

Debra giggled, "Benny,

what's that bush on your head ...

you look soooo funny!"

Benaiah glanced at Abigail ...

Abigail was grinning, tears in her eyes

Abigail nodded to Benaiah ....

Benaiah Killing Man of Moab, 1829
by William Etty

Then Benaiah said,
"Sweet, sweet Debra, you KNOW what I as doing,
I was just hunting KITTENS."

Benaiah winked at Abigail.

Little Debra *l a u g h e d*

All said, "Shhsshhsshhsshh."

Putting his finger in
front of mouth Benaiah
said the *GOLDEN* words,

"Quietly … follow me …

You are *SAFE Now*

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30:18-31 Recovered – David Recovers All

18-19 David recovered everything the Amalekites had taken, including his two wives. Nothing was missing: young or old, boy or girl, plunder or anything else they had taken.

David brought everything back.

20 He took all the flocks and herds, and his men drove them ahead of the other livestock,

saying, "This is David's plunder."

30:21-31 Victory for All – David Shares, Sends to Judah

21 Then David came to the 200 men who had been too exhausted to follow him and who were left behind at the Besor Valley.

They came out to meet David and the men with him. As David and his men approached, he asked them how they were.

30:21-31 Victory for All – David Shares, Sends to Judah

22 But all the evil men and troublemakers among David's followers said, "Because they did not go out with us, we will not share with them the plunder we recovered. However, each man may take his wife and children and go."

23 David replied, "No, my brothers, you must NOT do that with what the LORD has given us.

God has protected us and delivered into our hands the raiding party that came against us.

30:21-31 Victory for All – David Shares, Sends to Judah

24 Who will listen to what you say?
The share of the man who stayed
with the supplies is to be the same
as that of him who went down to the battle
ALL will share alike.”

25 David made this a statute
and ordinance for Israel
from that day to this.

King David’s FIRST LAW
“Share and Share Alike”

Yes, to the Victor go the spoils …

even the Spoils of the **HEART**

30:21-31 Victory for All – David Shares, Sends to Judah

26 When David reached Ziklag, he sent some of the plunder to the elders of Judah, who were his friends, saying,

"Here is a gift for you from the plunder of the LORD's enemies."

27-31 David sent it to those who were in Bethel, Ramoth Negev and Jattir; to those in Aroer, Siphmoth, Eshtemoa and Rakal; to those in the towns of the Jerahmeelites and the Kenites; to those in Hormah, Bor Ashan, Athak and Hebron; and to those in **all the other places where he and his men had roamed.**

31 Saul & Sons Fight Philistines on Mt. Gilboa—the end

We do NOT know how long … during all this
Saul visits a witch at Endor, "Spring of the Age,"
then fights with the Philistines.

King Saul and his sons are KILLED on Mt. Gilbo

David hears of it … grieves … and in 2 Samuel
David is crowned King of Judah.

David is now **FREE at last … FREE at long last.**

Great Victory with the GREATEST Spoils being of the

HEART

Unlike King Saul … David's **EARNED** his title, **King David**

And I think Grandpa Samuel would be proud

Psalm 18 … when David was free of enemies

FREE … FREE at long last.

King David EARNED his title the hard way

Perhaps NOW he began to write his masterpiece

50 Stupendously Sublime and RUGGED Verses!

Perhaps now … just perhaps … we can understand and feel more of David's HEART

Amid violence and bloodshed we CANNOT hardly conceive in 21st Century Woodville …

His young adult life FILLED with danger, betrayal, still, he looked to and LOVED GOD.

Psalm 18

For the director of music. Of David the servant of the LORD. He sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said:

Psalm 18 … when David was free of enemies

FREE … FREE at long last.

Perhaps the BEST SONG ever written in human history … *WHY?* … Best to the STRUGGLING in Life

Not best to the spoiled … not best for the sheltered

NOT the best to those who have NEVER been deep INSIDE the Valley of Besor or the Valley of the Shadow of Death

Fits for those who have had to Face Death at every turn and many turns for YEARS

For those who are INNOCENT, yet hunted

For those who know Dirty Dog Doeg betrayal

For those who flee assassins at their HOME

For those who respect Wise Women

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Not the best to for the tender foot …

Yes, the best who have had to wrestle with demons

Best for those who had to hide in the clefts of rocks

Best for those who could not return home …

Best for those who rescue starving Egyptians, strangers, even Samaritans in the way

Best for those who defend the weak, even those who COULD NOT cross the Valley of Besor

and for those who NEVER give up

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Psalm 18 … when David was free of enemies

[1] I love you, LORD,
my strength.

[2] The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

[3] I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise….

[7] The earth trembled and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains shook….

[9-10] He parted the heavens and came down …

He mounted the cherubim and flew … soared on the wings of the wind.

[16-17] He reached down from on high and took hold of me;

he drew me out of deep waters.

He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me….

Psalm 18 … when David was free of enemies

27 You save the humble ….

28-29 You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light….

30 As for God, his way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless….

31 For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?

33-34 He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights….

35 You make your help my shield, your right hand sustains me….

46 The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! … my Savior!…

49 Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the nations….

50 He gives his king great victories; he shows unfailing love to his anointed, to David and to his descendants forever.

50 Stupendously Sublime and

RUGGED Verses!

1 Samuel … the end

King David had **EARNED** his Kingship

A Great Victory in the desert, Great Spoils …

A Great Victory in **LIVING LIFE** …

The GREATEST SPOILS … were spoils of the

HEART

History will tell the rest of the story of **earned KING DAVID**

HOW he and we WIN a victory will largely tell the

Greater Glory of the Victory

From **HOW** David took Goliath … to **HOW** he rescued his family

ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD

We have but one life to live,
and God sees the heart …

May Our Hearts Glorify God in ALL our Victories