

**TEEN DEVOTIONAL  
SERIES**

**2018**

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## **Week-1: Jan 5<sup>th</sup> 2018**

### **King Solomon**

What plans do you think God has for you and what path will you choose?

#### **Read 1 Kings 3:4-15**

So here King Solomon feels like he has no clue how to be King. He was anointed King at a very young age so life changed drastically for him as a child. In a dream, Solomon asks God for wisdom so he could be the best king possible for his people. God is so impressed that, as a young King, he doesn't ask for anything else. God's dream for Solomon has him being very successful and it's only because of what he chose to ask about is why God's plan worked for him.

What do you think you should ask God for to help you in your spiritual life?

Do you think what you ask for will impact other people as well?

Do you fully trust in God's plans for you?

#### **Read 1 Kings 10:1-9**

The path that King Solomon chose had a great effect on people around him, even The Queen of Sheba was impressed. It shows here that whatever God has in store for you that it always leads to good, even if you don't see it at first.

Do you believe what God has in store for you will have an effect on other people?

#### **Practical**

- Think of where you're at with your relationship with God.
- When having your quiet times, write down what things you think God wants you to change in.

**Pray for you to understand what God's plans are for you**

## **Week 2: 13th Jan 2018- Combined Teens meeting (lesson as per the speaker)**

### **Week 3: 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018**

#### **Miriam**

##### **Exodus 1:22-2:4**

At this time in Egypt, there was a decree stating that any male baby born must be killed; only the female children would be allowed to live. Miriam, Moses' sister, was given the task of making sure Moses stayed alive. She was given this responsibility when she was only twelve years old! Most likely, if she were to be caught, there would be severe consequences.

##### **Continue reading Exodus 2:5-10**

Out of all the places that Moses could have floated to, God guided him right to the daughter of Pharaoh. She not only took the baby in as her own and spared his life, but she gave Moses' mother the job of nursing him until he was weaned (about three years)! And this was possible because of Miriam. She courageously stepped out of the bushes and actually talked to the daughter of Pharaoh...seeing as she was royalty, this was intimidating! But she wasn't fearful or hesitant. Miriam's quick thinking helped save her brother and kept her family connected.

What are some things that keep you from stepping out in faith like Miriam did? (Examples: sharing your faith with your classmates, speaking up when you see one of your friends doing something wrong, saying no to peer pressure, etc.)

Are there times when you know you should do something but don't because you are too afraid? Thankfully the story doesn't end there...

##### **Read Exodus 12:31-38 & Exodus 14:29-31**

Moses ended up saving a whole nation of Israelites from slavery in Egypt with the help of God. And he was able to save those hundreds of thousands of people because of one act of bravery by a twelve year old girl.

God has an intricate plan for all of us, one action leading to another. Miriam walked out of her house that day carrying little baby Moses, probably thinking about all the bad things that could go wrong. She could get caught and worst case scenario, both of them could be killed by Egyptian soldiers. But she trusted in God and didn't let fear stop her from doing God's will. She stepped out of her comfort zone and did what she knew was right, regardless of the consequences. God had her back, and He rewarded her faithfulness.

What are some ways you can step out of your comfort zone today? Take that chance to share your faith, meet someone new or speak up when you're afraid. Remember: God has big plans for you, and you can do great things for Him!

**Pray about having courage like Miriam and being willing to be used by God**

## **Week 4: 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018**

### **Is It Worth It?**

What are some of the main things that you would say hold you back from a relationship or a future with God?

Do you believe ANYTHING in your life is worth more than your relationship with God?

### **Read Genesis 25:20-34**

*Are there ever things you put above God? What are things you value more than time with God or getting closer to him?* Like Esau, there may be things we choose or value over God at certain points in our daily lives like relationships with others or just simple things like entertainment or hobbies, but there has to be a balance where God is put above those things.

*Do you think about how a decision will affect God and your relationship with Him before you make it?* It can be easy to struggle immensely with thinking through your relationship with God and how my decisions affect that relationship. We need to set priorities. It helps to keep in perspective the difference between worldly and earthly treasures. God gives us choices to choose Him or worldly things.

### **Read Colossians 3:1-8**

*What are things that can keep your heart focused on things above, where Christ is? What things do you personally struggle with to “put to death” when it comes to your “earthly nature”?* From time to time, the heart will try to trick you into believing that something is for Christ but it is actually truly just a selfish desire for you. This is why we have to consider how our choices affect our relationship with God first. We also need others in our lives for accountability. At times we can mess up and choose that “bowl of soup” or momentary pleasure over a quiet time or doing something for the Lord. This doesn't mean the end for us as long as we are able to find our way back and continue to do what's right in relation to God.

### **Practical:**

- LITERALLY think before you do. Think of how a decision affects you and God before you do it.
- Make a list of things you seem to be putting ahead of times with God. Talk through them with someone and try to find out why you struggle with putting it before God and how you can put God above it.
- Make a list of priorities and schedule time with God every day

**Pray to God about putting Him first and how to better manage your earthly relationships and wants and your heavenly relationship and future**

## **FEBRUARY**

### **Week 5: 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2018**

#### **Salome**

Can you think of a time when you chose to please a person or people instead of God?  
What made you choose them over God?

#### **Read Matthew 14:1-12**

The girl in this story is Salome. She had an opportunity to ask for advice, but instead of going to God she went to her mother.

When you are tempted by the world, who do you go to for advice?

Do you go to someone who tells you what you want to hear, or someone who you know will point you back to God?

Salome wanted to please her mother so much that she would use her one gift for her mother. But she also wanted to please the crowd. This is what it can be like in school. Often the temptation to impress those in the “crowd” so that you can be seen as “popular” or “cool” is really strong.

How strong is your desire to please God? Is it as strong as Salome’s desire to please her mother and the crowd around her? Why or why not?

To disagree with those opinions who you value highly takes a lot of courage. But you have to focus on who really matters eternally: God. Salome’s desire to please others ended up costing another person their life!

#### **Read Acts 4:18-20**

The disciples here were also pressured to please people rather than God. In contrast to Salome, though, the disciples were courageous and chose to please God and not the people. Why would the disciples have felt that pleasing God was most important?

#### **Practical:**

- Think before you do
- Pick a spiritual person to get input from

Next time you’re tempted to please a person or people, let the disciples’ example inspire you to choose God over the people in your life.

**Pray about having wisdom in seeking advice and going to Him first.**

## **Week 6: 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 (Lesson as per the speaker)**

## **Week 7: 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018**

### **Humility in Friendship**

What do you think are necessary aspects of a godly friendship?

#### **Read 1 Samuel 18:1-4**

What do you notice about Jonathan's character within his friendship with David?

David and Jonathan had one of the closest relationships in the Bible and they didn't let anything get in between them, not even David gaining more power and becoming the future king of Israel. Jonathan was the prince of Israel and had to come to the hard realization that he would not be the king and would instead live in the shadows of his best friend David, who would soon be crowned the next king of Israel. Can you imagine how easily Jonathan could have fallen into jealousy, envy, and insecurity! But instead, he shows complete humility in verse 4. He willingly gave his robe, tunic, sword, bow, and belt to David to show his love and respect for him. Jonathan did not let worldly ambition get in the way of his relationship with David, and instead trusted in God's plan and was surrendered and humbled to what God had in store for both of them.

How would you have reacted if you were in Jonathan's shoes? What does this tell you about your heart in your relationships with others?

How can you work on your humility and trust in God when you face trials in these relationships?

#### **Read 1 Samuel 23:16-18**

In this passage, we see that David and Jonathan's relationship was truly rooted in God. They were not friends who simply enjoyed the company of one another, but instead they encouraged each other's faith and strove to sharpen one another, as we are called to do in Proverbs 27. Their relationship shows us that in order for us to have lasting, strong relationships with each other we must be rooted first in God so that we can ultimately sharpen each other's faith.

Do you have friendships like David and Jonathan's that are rooted in God and work to sharpen each other's faith?

In what ways can you change those relationships to become more like David and Jonathan's?

**Pray for humility in your friendships and to be surrendered to God's plan like Jonathan was. Also pray for godly relationships, like David and Jonathan's, that work to bring each other closer to God**

## **Week 8: 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2018**

### **Leah**

Read **Genesis 29:14-30**

Who was Leah? Who was Rachel? Which did Jacob want to marry?

Read **Genesis 29:30**

Try putting yourself in Leah's shoes; it is clear that Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah.

Have you ever felt unloved? Left out?

Where do you think Rachel got her worth from?

Read **Genesis 29:31-35**

According to verse 32 she was still looking for worth in her husband. But after time passed by, she found worth in the only place it really mattered...God (verse 35).

What do you put your worth in?

Even though in the eyes of man she was seen as unimportant or worthless, through the eyes of God she was always a treasured possession.

Read **Deuteronomy 7:6**

Do you believe that you are treasured by God?

Leah was a part of God's plan all along. She was a descendant of Abraham (**Genesis 22:17**) and was the mother of Judah (**Genesis 29:35**) leading all the way to King David and Jesus himself!

We are all worth something in God's eyes. When we believe and put our hope in that then we don't need to be worried about anything!

**Pray about finding true worth and purpose in God**

## **MARCH**

### **Week 9: 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2018**

#### **Giving your best**

##### **Read Genesis 3:1-4:5**

Despite the fact that they were brothers, Cain and Abel were two very different people. When the time came to give an offering to God, Cain gave some fruit, and Abel gave the meat of the very best of his livestock. It was clear that Cain did not give all that he could have to God; the Bible says that he only gave *some* of his fruits. It was also clear that Abel did give the best that he had to God; the Bible mentions that he offered fat portions from the firstborn of his flock.

In what areas of your life are you giving your very best to God, like Abel?

In what areas of your life are you not giving God your best, like Cain?

The Bible says that God was pleased with Abel because of his sacrifice. Giving God your all pleases Him. After the fall of man, which is talked about in Genesis 3, it was clear that man's desire was to choose sin. It was not in Abel's favor to offer God his best, but he did anyway.

When is it inconvenient to give your best to God, and how can you give your best anyway?

##### **Read Hebrews 11:4**

Abel's name actually means "whisper," which is ironic because "by his faith he still speaks, even though he is dead," according to the Bible. He lived a short life, because after God showed favor toward Abel, Cain got jealous and killed him. However, in his brief time on Earth, Abel gave to God the best that he could.

Do you think God knows when you are and aren't giving him your best?

How can you show God that you love him above all else in your life?

How will God bless your efforts to go out of your way to give him your all?

Today find a time to do something Christ-like, especially if it is inconvenient, and then witness the blessings God will bring to you from it.

**Pray to be willing to give your best to God, even when it is inconvenient**



## **Week 10:9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (Lesson as per the speaker)**

### **Week 11: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

#### **The Lunch Box**

##### **Read John 6:6-14**

The boy in John 6 believed that Jesus could do the impossible. In a crowd of over five thousand all he had were five small barley loaves and two small fish! He had faith and believed that even with this little he had, Jesus could do anything.

Was there ever a time where something seemed completely impossible to do? Why?

Was there ever a time you felt like giving wasn't an option, and that God couldn't do anything with your small amount? Why?

##### **Read Matthew 19:26**

God can do miracles. If you have faith in Him, then he can do monumental things with the little bit that you have.

What do you think is holding you back from having faith in God and believing that he can do the impossible with what you have? Why?

God can do anything with whatever you give. Give Him the chance to work in your life by trying to follow his Word and taking steps of faith!

#### **Practical:**

- Memorize Matthew 19:26
- Be intentional and consistent in asking God for faith and encouragement
- Remember that giving is showing our appreciation for God and everything that He has given to us!

**Pray to have faith and being willing to give everything to God**

## **Week 12: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**

### **Rachel**

#### **Read Genesis 29-30:24**

Rachel was a woman consumed with jealousy and pride. So much so that she tried to take control of the situation she was in instead of going to God about her fear. Pride tells us that we do not need to rely on God because “we can handle it”. In reality, pride is telling God that we know what is best in our life and that we don’t need Him! When we are humble and willing to submit to God, He can work in our lives.

What do you do when things aren’t working out in your favor?

Do you turn to God first or do you try to take control of your life?

In what areas of life does pride affect your life? Rachel was so focused on what she wanted that she was blind to the blessings God was giving her. Being focused on what she did not have eventually made her more miserable and desperate.

Have you ever wanted something really bad but when you got it it didn’t make you as happy as you thought?

How can you practice turning to God when things are going the way you planned?

#### **Read Philippians 4:6-7**

Ultimately, Rachel was able to have a child, but not until God allowed it. Remember, God is the ultimate creator of all things and gave us gifts and abilities and our specific life. Instead of trying to figure out what we think is best for our life or take control when things go opposite of what we want (like what Rachel did), we should **always** turn to God who has the heart to listen to use and the power to help us out of any situation.

**Pray to be surrendered about the things going on in your life and to trust in God**

## **Week 13: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

### **Isaac**

#### **Read Genesis 22**

At first, I thought it was weird that Isaac was about to let his father sacrifice him. I'd be a little freaked out. But, as I thought through the story more, I realized that Isaac was exemplifying an important message; that God is in control and we do not need to be afraid.

What are some things that can cause you to be afraid or worry?

How do you respond to these things?

Often times we can want to escape pressures and things that make us worry by distracting ourselves. We can completely invest ourselves in relationships, the net ,eat or even sleep- Rather than face things head on, we actually run away.

#### **Read Proverbs 3: 5-6**

It says that if we trust in the Lord, He will make our paths straight. Like Isaac, we often have good reasons to be afraid, but we never see the whole picture the way God does. We do not need to be afraid of the future because God is in control of everything.

Do you trust God?

There are many ways you can practice trusting God. Whenever you're stressed or worried, remember that God is in control, and that He knows what's best for you. Try praying to God when you're scared or worried, and He will lead you in the right direction.

Do you pray to God in difficult times?

**Ask God to help you handle the hard things in your life and to remember that he is always in control**

## **APRIL**

### **Week 14: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

#### **Rise to Let Go**

##### **Read Judges 13:2-5, 24-25**

Samson was a man who from the beginning was born to serve God and be set apart. He grew up knowing God and it says “the Spirit of the Lord began to stir in him.”

##### **Read Judges 15:1-11**

What do you think of when you hear the word “revenge”?

Why do you think Samson took revenge?

Samson’s revenge lead to what in his life?

Why do you become revengeful?

Think of a time when you got revenge, what was it? How did it feel?

Looking back on that time, how do you feel now and why?

Samson abused the blessings that God had given him and followed his emotions instead of following God. He grew up knowing God, but he was reckless and selfish. Later in Judges 16 he again follows his selfish nature and enters an impure relationship which leads to his own downfall.

##### **Read Judges 16: 25- 30**

In Samson’s life it was so clear that God was with him, but Samson forgot that his strength did not come from himself but from God. He followed his own desires instead of Gods and in the end it costed him his life. He had to go through a lot of pain and hardship to eventually see that he was nothing without God.

In what ways have you taken God for granted?

What things do you need to hand over to God instead of taking control yourself?

**Pray for God to help give you the strength to hand things over to Him and trust in Him**

**Week 15: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018 -Combined Teens Meeting (Lesson as per the speaker)**

**Week 16: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Samuel**

**1 Samuel 3:1-21**

What are times that you have been called on to do something?

We all know what its like to be called for some purpose, whether it was to do some chores at home, some activity at school etc

In this passage, Samuel thinks that he is being called by Eli, his foster father, as Eli is getting older and most likely needed more assistance in his day to day tasks. Samuel found out it wasn't Eli that was calling him but God.

Are there times you feel like God is calling you to do something?

Samuel was called by God to lead the entirety of Israel, and at that time, he was only a teenager. Imagine what it would be like to be asked to be the Prime Minister of India at your age!

When God is trying to tell you something do you notice? Do you listen?

Samuel grew up learning from Eli and spending time with God.

Do you devote yourself to learning God's word and learning from those older than you?

It can seem like God expects us to do things that are impossible or too risky but we need to remember that all things are possible with God.

As we go throughout our day, let's think about what great things God has planned to do through you.

**Pray about how God can use you as an instrument of change in your schools, ministries and with your friends and family.**

## **Week 17: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

### **Joash: Relying on God**

#### **Read 2 Chronicles 24:1-4**

Joash grew up in the palace; he was made king at just seven years old! He was a “kingdom kid” with access to anything he could have ever wanted and he made the decided to follow God. He even wanted to restore the temple for God!

#### **Read 2 Chronicles 42:13-25**

Joash went astray once Jehoiada died. He relied so much on people that he ended up leaving God and worshiped other idols. His faith became non-existent.

If someone who gives you guidance left, where would you be in your walk with God?

Our walk with God can't be based on people. It doesn't make sense to base your relationship with God on imperfect humans. It's about you and God.

What do you think conviction is?

#### **Read Colossians 2:6-7**

Convictions are beliefs we hold onto in our faith that keeps us rooted and firm in Christ. They help us to follow God even when we may not have a lot of physical support around us.

How can you build deeper convictions?

Having daily time with God is going to help deepen your convictions and faith. Learn what connects you to Christ and incorporate it into your quiet times. some likes to have a prayer journal ,others sing songs- have breakfast with God..be creative!!Also ,stay in your Bible because it builds your faith. Find someone to be open with every week.

**Pray that God will put someone in your life that can lift you higher in your walk with Him; Go to Him when there's no one around**

# **MAY**

## **Week 18: 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

### **Courage to Stand Up for God**

#### **Read Jeremiah 1:4-10**

*What do you think it means to be a prophet?* A prophet isn't a person who is perfect or someone who God does miracles through every day. A prophet is someone who hears what God says, and does what he tells them to do.

In Jeremiah, God came to Jeremiah and told him to warn the Judeans of what God was going to do to them.

#### **Read Jeremiah 1:16**

Jeremiah wasn't overjoyed with his calling, however. He was scared of what people might think of him for correcting them, and even told God "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

God used a person who wasn't perfect and was scared, to do His works. This is still true today. I am definitely not perfect and there are many times that I don't want to do or say the things that God wants me to. Still, God has asked me to be someone to stand up for Him against what others may think. I have never regretted standing up for God, even when people disagree with me because I know I am pleasing God and I am showing others what it is like to live for God.

*Who can be a prophet?* Anyone who hears and does what the Lord says can be a prophet. The Bible is God's word, and if we read it, we know what God says. All you have to do is follow what it says.

#### **Read Jeremiah 1:17-18**

Standing up for God can be something that is scary and hard. God promises us that he will be with us and will help us in times of trouble. There is no need to hold back the truth because you are scared of what others may do, because God is on your side.

#### **Read Jeremiah 1:8**

God will rescue you from the people in this world. Do what He says and you will have the best friend you could ever want right there when you need him.

Questions:

What are ways that you can grow in listening to God so you can follow his commands?

What are some things that overwhelm or scare you that God wants you to do?

What are ways that God can strengthen you so you can stand?

**Pray to have the courage to stand up for God**

**Week 19: 11<sup>th</sup> May (Lesson as per the speaker)**



## **Week 20: 18<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Rebekah**

Who are some people you trust?

#### **Read Genesis 24:12-21**

Rebekah was introduced as a beautiful, brave, resourceful, energetic, physically robust and strong-willed woman. We first meet her at the well of Aram-naharaim, where she showed that she was willing to work, and confident enough to speak without fear of the strangers who had been sent by Abraham to find a wife for Isaac.

To put Rebekah's actions into perspective, the servants' 10 camels would have drunk 25 gallons each. Rebekah was drawing water out the well with most like a 3 gallon jar at a time. When she said she would draw water for the servants camels, that meant she would have to go to the well 83.3 times until the camels had enough to drink.

Are you fearful God won't take care of you?

#### **Read Genesis 24:47-66**

Rebekah displayed extraordinary faith on an ordinary day and embarked on a radical journey of faith. In faith, Rebekah followed Abraham's servant back to the land of Canaan to become Isaac's wife, a man she had never met before. It was her assurance of God's sovereign direction that motivated her decision, and it revealed her courage and trust.

What does it mean to surrender to God?

What are you scared of when it comes to trusting God?

What things do you need to surrender? Future plans? Relationships?

How can you surrender this week to God? When you get home?

Who are some people that can help you further study out what surrendering to God is?

**Pray that you can have a surrendered relationship to God and not resist God's authority but submit your whole life to him.**

## **Week 21: 25<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Josiah: Our Reaction to Sin**

Have you ever thought you were doing great things for God but been oblivious to sin? Maybe there is some sin that you are oblivious to right now?

How did you react when you learned of your sin? Did you hide it? Ignore it? Why?

Or were you filled with Godly sorrow like Josiah?

### **Read 2 Kings 22:1-13**

Josiah was faithful to the Lord in the eyes of the people, but when he heard the word of the Law he saw his sin and was filled with sorrow.

Does your sin cut you to the heart like Josiah? How?

Contrast your heart toward sin to Josiah's heart toward sin.

In verse 13 Josiah seeks to consult God. Is prayer, going to God, your first reaction when faced with sin?

what holds you back?

### **Practical:**

- Think about what you can do today to turn to God.
- Read the Word every day, making sure you aren't blind to your sin.
- Pray before you read, the Bible is God's way of speaking to us

**Pray for God to show you your sin**

## **JUNE**

### **Week 22: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

#### **Controlling Sin**

Have you ever had sin or your sinful desire get the best of you?

How did it get you?

What were some of the consequences of that sin?

#### **Genesis 4:3-8**

What led Cain to Killing his brother? How did it get to that point?

What are some of the things that Cain might have felt and thought?

Cain's sinful desire to be "number one" got the best of him. Now sin and denying ourselves is a daily battle for most. What are your top sins that you need to deny?

#### **Romans 6:23**

What would be the outcome of your life if you never deny those top sins?

Where would your life be in 5 and 10 years from now?

In the moment sin seems likes its worth it, but in the end it leads to death.

Battling sin is not easy, but that doesn't mean we can't do it!

**Spend time praying today about these top sins and ask for God to help you, guide you and change you.**

## **Week 23: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (Lesson as per the speaker)**

## **Week 24: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

### **Jacob**

#### **Read Genesis 25:21-34**

In this passage, Jacob is taking advantage of Esau. Noticing he's hungry, he uses that to get what he wants, which at the time was Esau's birthright.

Have you ever taken advantage of someone knowing they are vulnerable? If so when? What happened? Why did you do it?

#### **Now read Genesis 27:5-29**

Overhearing Isaac attempt to give Esau his blessing, Isaac's wife Rebekah orders Jacob to take it instead. In fact, Rebekah helps by making the tasty food Isaac wanted!

I don't know what you think, but I wouldn't really call Rebekah a loyal wife in this situation.

In your life, have you ever played the role of Rebekah and devised a plan that went against what God's will is for you? Or have you ever been in Jacob's shoes, being pressurised and weak willed?

#### **Continue reading in Genesis 28:10-20**

After reading the passage, you find that Jacob has a radical encounter with God, and in this encounter, God tells him a few things. God elaborates on Jacob's importance, and claims that people will be blessed through Jacob and his offsprings.. It was so crazy and life changing, Jacob made an altar in remembrance of the encounter, and vows that the Lord will be his God because of all the ways He's blessing him!

When was a time where you experienced a radical encounter with God that changed your life forever, whether it was a prayer answered or a time you literally felt his presence?

Do you believe that God sees you as important? Why or why not? Do you believe that you're important to God?

Jacob went from being desperate and jealous of his brother's birthright to vowing that God will be his Lord and making an altar to remember it...all after one single dream. Remember those moments where you feel God is trying to communicate with you, and allow those moments to change your life.

**Pray to have dreams for God and to be willing to be changed by Him**

## **Week 25: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018**

### **Putting Your Hope in God**

Read:

- **1 Samuel 18: 26-28**
- **1 Samuel 19: 11-17**
- **1 Samuel 25: 42-44**
- **2 Samuel 3: 13-16**
- **2 Samuel 6: 14-23**

As you read through these passages you watch a woman who loves her husband turn into someone who despises him. What caused such a change of heart?

It says in 1 Samuel chapter 18 that Michal loved David. In chapter 19 we see the extent of that love. She is willing to defend her husband from her father to protect him. But when David left that night he didn't come back for 14 years. That is a long time! During that time, he acquired new wives and Michal was given to another husband. Everything she hoped for and dreamed of had been taken away.

When David returned ,he demanded Michal back but she had obviously changed. In 2 Samuel the scriptures no longer refer to her as David's wife but now call her Saul's daughter.probably her heart no longer belonged to her husband. Michal was so blinded by her hurt and bitterness that she could not even rejoice with her people when David brought back the ark of the lord. She looked down on David celebrating this amazing victory with God and hated him for it. She missed out on the ways God had blessed them and refused to glorify Him for what He had done. Because of this, she was kept from the blessing of having children.

Michal put a lot of trust and hope in David and his love. When that was taken from her, she allowed her hurt to push her away from God instead of closer. Her feelings towards the situation built up to where she not only resented her husband but her God as well.

Questions:

- How do you respond when God gives you what you want?
- How do you respond when he doesn't, or when he takes those things away?
- Whatl are the consequences for putting your security in things other than God?
- What can you do differently to put your hope in God and not other things?

**Pray to learn how to put your hope in God and to stay close even when things don't go your way.**

## **\*\* JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>-SUNDAY- COMBINED TEENS CHURCH SERVICE\*\***

### **Week 26: 29<sup>th</sup> June**

#### **Naaman's Servant**

##### **2 Kings 5:1 - 3**

Does this sound familiar? Do you know anyone like this? Maybe a friend, older sibling, or cousin, who is almost absolutely perfect? They get 90% without effort, they're popular, they often get to perform on stage, and, if that weren't enough, everyone loves them, including you! Naaman was just like that **but then, he had leprosy.**

All of his glory meant nothing, because he was a leper and being leprous in that society at that time meant rejection.

This seems like the state of the world today, doesn't it? Everyone accomplishes things, they make a lot of money, they write books, they achieve fame but many of them have broken hearts. Hearts without God are hearts without hope

If you knew the way to heal someone, would you watch them suffer? The servant girl in this story didn't waste time-she acted quickly to help her mistress's husband.

Do you act quickly to help those in need? how is your everyday outreach/ evangelism? Is it driven by compassion and necessity?

##### **2 Kings 5:4-6**

Naaman's response is pretty humble. He listened to the little girl and made every effort to make sure he found what he was looking for, to find healing

Is this your response when someone points you to God? Or do you get an attitude when you are guided, corrected or advised?

##### **2 Kings 5:7-12**

Imagine this: you're sick. You have 10 days left to live. The doctors have a medicine to cure you-you drink it you survive. But, you decided to reject it because it looks disgusting.

It may seem irrational but we do this every day. We have secrets, we tell lies, we don't trust. If we would only confess and be uncomfortable for five seconds, we could get healing, but because it's "uncomfortable" we shy away.

**2 Kings 5: 13-14**

What holds you back from tasting the medicine, from getting right with God? Naaman wrestled in his heart, but ultimately decided to trust and obey a godly advice and was healed.

**Pray for God to help you see your sin and desire to be open and get help.**