

Episode 2: A Journey Home



READ 1 SAMUEL 18

Read 1 Samuel 18:1-18 to learn more about David in this episode.

The episode opens up with a quote from the bible that was actually said by Jesus himself.

Mark 3:25 (ESV) – *And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.*

It seems like this is going to be a big theme in this season's show. Keep this in mind as you watch the episodes and we will answer how we saw this at the end of the study.

Instead of a flashback like we saw in episode 1, this episode starts with a flash forward. One year later David is called into Saul's bedroom. Saul felt betrayed by David, thinks that Samuel anointed him and threw a weapon at David. This flashforward is actually in the bible. Read the verse below and circle what Saul threw at David.

1 Samuel 18:10-11 (ESV) – *¹⁰ The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in hand. ¹¹ And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David evaded him twice.*

David, Jonathan, Saul and the girls arrive back to the kingdom with good news of their victory. Everyone is cheering and happy! Saul announces David, tells everyone how he killed the giant and the cheering of "David, David, David" fills the air. Saul then announces that he is going to give his daughter's hand in marriage to David and he will be the commander of 1,000 soldiers. This is great news for David. He is on cloud 9, not only because he is being recognized, but he can finally be with the woman he loves, or so he thinks. More on that to come.

Everything is going great, Ishvi is back from exile and Saul immediately accepts him and gives him a hug. Jonathan gets the much needed help for this injuries and David and Michal are happy to be back together. Everything is going great until David hears his brother Nethanel is dead and he goes back to Bethlehem to the funeral.

Eliab is feeling a lot of emotions, his brother died, his other brother is now a commander of 1,000 men. He is angry and doesn't feel like David should be a commander when he doesn't even know how to fight. He gets into a fist fight with David and says he will never follow him. Many didn't believe David could take down Goliath, but he did. His brother Eliab does not believe in his ability to command an army. What do you do when you feel like you can't do something and others don't believe in you?

Jesus ran into unbelief with those closest to him. Circle who did not believe in him during his earthly ministry.

John 7:5 (ESV) – *For not even his brothers believed in him.*

Matthew 13:57 (ESV) – *And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household.”*

Hopefully you do not encounter this sort of negativity in your daily life. If you do, turn to God in prayer and pray for your enemies. Know that Jesus loves you and is always with you.

Samuel receives a couple of visitors in jail. Saul’s wife Ahinoam wants Samuel to anoint Saul again. Samuel talks about how God does not want to anoint Saul and therefore he will not. Doeg then goes into the jail cell to talk to Samuel after Ahinoam is not successful. He wants to discover who Samuel anointed in place of Saul. He threatens Samuel, even threatens to cut his hair! But none of that works with Samuel. Samuel tells Doeg about his childhood when his mother Timna was killed by his father and Doeg didn’t turn to God at this time, he became obsessed with death. At very hard times in your life you can either chose God or you can turn away from God. Have you had a time when you have turned towards God or away from God at a difficult point in your life? Reflect below:

Samuel ends up escaping and leaves Doeg cowering in the corner with evil thoughts.

As everyone seems to think David will be marrying Michal, Merab searches for her brother Ishvi and they play a game together. They get to talking and Merab talks about her marriage being ripped from her with Jordan of Judah. Ishvi encourages her and says that she does deserve happiness and good in her life. He tells her she is worthy. He encourages her to think positively about herself. I think he

Bible Reference

It seems like a lot of care is being taken around this sword of Goliath’s. Circle where the sword is taken to in the passage below:

1 Samuel 21:1,3-4, 9 (ESV) – ₁

Then David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech came to meet David, trembling, and said to him, “Why are you alone, and no one with you?”...₃ Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here.”₄ And the priest answered David, “I have no common bread on hand; but there is holy bread – if the young men have kept themselves from women.”₉ And the priest said, “The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you struck down in the Valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take that, take it, for there is none but that here.” And David said, “There is none like that; give it to me.”

DID YOU KNOW??

Jesus actually references this part of scripture when he is talking to the Pharisees and the disciples after they eat forbidden grain. See Matthew 12:3-4.

also should have pointed out that God loves her. If you have felt unloved or speak negatively about yourself remember the below verse:

1 John 4:16 (ESV) – *So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*

What a twist we get at the end of the episode! Were you surprised? And guess what – It is biblical! David was actually set up to marry Merab. Read the scripture below and under what Saul said to David.

1 Samuel 18:17-18 (ESV) – ¹⁷ Then Saul said to David, “Here is my elder daughter Merab. I will give her to you for a wife. Only be valiant for me and fight the Lord’s battles.” For Saul thought, “Let not my hand be against him, but let the hand of the Philistines be against him.” ¹⁸ And David said to Saul, “Who am I, and who are my relatives, my father’s clan in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?”

The Age of Iron is mentioned throughout the show. With the end of the Bronze era, they move into the Age of Iron when stronger tools and weapons were created. The Age of Iron occurred between 1200 BC - 550 BC in the Near East and Mediterranean.
