After God's Heart

Lesson 15 Psalm 32:8; 2 Samuel 2:1-4; 1 Samuel 23:6-13, 30:7-15; Romans 12:1-2 April 14, 2019

Blind Intersections

Introduction

David was a man of prayer. He was determined to know God's will. In fact, God says "'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do" (Acts 13:22). David turned to God for just about everything and God, always answered.

God never gets tired of us asking for help. The more that we seek His wisdom and advice, the happier He is. We will always gain by asking for God's guidance. The gain may not be material things, but it may be a peace that only God can provide.

Memory verse: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."—James 1:5

Pray and read Psalm 32:8; 2 Samuel 2:1-4; 1 Samuel 23:6-13, 30:7-15; Romans 12:1-2. What questions or observations do you have about these passages?

What do the passages say?

1. In what will God instruct us? How will He counsel us? (Psalm 32:8)

2.	Where did God send David? What happened when he got there? (2 Samuel 2:1, 4)
3.	Why was Saul excited that David had gone to Keilah? (1 Samuel 23:7-8)
4.	What did David do when he learned of Saul's plans? (1 Samuel 23:9-12)
5.	What did David ask the Lord and how did He answer? (1 Samuel 30:8)
6.	Who did David and his men find in the field and why was he there? (1 Samuel 30:11, 13)
7.	What are we to offer to God? (Romans 12:1)
8.	What do we need to do to know what God's will is? (Romans 12:2)

What do the passages mean?

1. David prayed for God's direction. What does God promise if we turn to Him for guidance? (Psalm 37:5; Proverbs 3:5-6, 16:3)

 David cried out to God for protection from his enemies. What does the Bible say about God's protection? (Deuteronomy 31:6; Psalm 46:1; Isaiah 41:10; 2 Thessalonians 3:3)

3. David prayed for God's wisdom. How can we receive God's wisdom from Him? (I Kings 3:7-12; Proverbs 2:1-6; James 1:5, 3:17)

4. David had confidence that God would answer him. He gave God his worries, his fears, his thanksgiving, and his praise. God was always faithful in responding to David when David was asking for God's will to be done. What should we give to God in prayer and what will we get in return? (Matthew 21:22; Mark 11:24; Philippians 4:6-7; James 4:1-3)

Applying the passages

1. What keeps you from coming to God with your cares, concerns, or worries? Reflect on Romans 8:26-27 and 1 Peter 5:6-7. How can the truths in these Scriptures help you pray?

2. Describe what is weighing heavy on your heart or mind or describe a big decision you need to make. How can you give these things directly to the Lord and commit it to Him?

3. Hebrews 4:16 says "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." With this in mind, write a prayer asking for God's guidance in the situation described from the previous question.