

A King After God's Own Heart

Getting Started

1. Would you rather be a soaring eagle or a fierce lion?
2. Who was your elementary school best friend? Are you still in contact with that person?

Digging Deeper

3. The testimony of the Amalekite contradicted the narrative of Saul's death in I Sam 31. What motivations could he have to claim Saul's death at his own hands?
4. The mountains of Gilboa (II Sam 1:21) are Israelite territory. What does David's call to drought in Israelite land (where Saul died) tell us about his grief?
5. List the positive things David praises concerning Saul in his poem and David's praises concerning Jonathan.

Living It Out

6. Both II Samuel 1 and Lamentations are beautiful, planned songs. What can you do in a planned, structured artform to help remember those who have passed away?
7. How could our spirits benefit from outward displays of grief such as those in II Samuel 1:11-12?
8. Tell a story to honor someone you attended church with who passed away in the last three years.

DAVID Fugitive to King

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II Samuel 1:1-27

We return to the life of David as he learns the news of the defeat of Israel at the hands of the Philistines along with the deaths of Saul and Jonathan. David's response to the deaths of the king and his friend help to guide us in our grief as we mourn and remember the loss of our loved ones. May we grieve with hope as we give glory to God over the lives of His children.

**We knit our hearts to God as
we _____ with His _____.**

**We knit our hearts to God as
we _____ for _____ in His Kingdom.**

**We knit our hearts to God as
we _____ the lives of His _____.**
