

August 11 | Sunday

At the Movies: The Lion King (courage)

Read [1 Chronicles 28:20](#)



12 | Mon – Me? | Read [1 Chronicles 28:2-20](#)

David had reigned for 40 years. Responsibilities were now being passed down to his son, Solomon. One of those responsibilities was to build the temple David had been wanting to build for the God he loved so much. Detailed plans had been created and all the necessary materials and resources were ready. Read David's encouraging words in verse 20 as he commissioned his son for this project. Have you ever been given a responsibility that made your heart quake with fear? How did God help you?

13 | Tue – A wise answer | Read [1 Kings 3:4-14](#)

Solomon was raised as the king's son and knew that he would someday replace his father. He had been trained for the responsibilities of leading a nation so you would think Solomon was confident about his abilities. Yet when asked what he wanted God to give him, the answer was surprising. Do you find yourself in a challenging situation? If God asked you right now this same question (v. 5), what would your answer be?

14 | Wed – The promise | Read [Deuteronomy 31:7-8, 23](#) / [Joshua 1:1-9](#)

Joshua had grown up under Moses' leadership. He had watched the mighty power of God work through this humble man to bring the Israelites out of slavery, forming them into a nation with laws and structure and respect for a holy God. What an act to follow! Look how many times Moses, and the Lord, had to tell Joshua not to be afraid but to be courageous in this undertaking. What was the promise that gave Joshua the courage he needed?

15 | Thu – A curious strategy | Read [2 Chronicles 20:1-30](#)

Sometimes people are unjustly attacked, as in this story. A vast army was coming to wage war against Judah. Notice the king's first reaction to this fearful news in v. 3. Listen to his prayer in v. 6-12 and God's answer in v. 15. Read about the unusual way God's people went out to battle in v. 21 and see what God did on their behalf in v. 22-29. Are you facing a battle of your own? See what God will do when you follow their example.

16 | Fri – Talk about confidence! | Read [1 Samuel 17:1-11 and 33-37 and 40-51](#)

It was a psychological battle that preceded any actual conflict but God's people were losing. This was the most formidable foe they had ever faced. Fear had invaded the camp and even the king was confounded by the challenge. Then along comes this kid, and seasoned warriors are thinking "you have NO idea what you are getting into!" Listen to David's words (v. 45-47) to see where his confidence lay. Where does your courage come from?

17 | Sat – Take courage | Read [1 Corinthians 16:13-14 and John 15:4-5](#)

Corinth was a wealthy, cosmopolitan center of business and culture. The people had adopted common Greek ideas which greatly influenced the way they looked at life. Paul sent this letter to those who had begun to follow Jesus, helping them discern the way God wanted them to live. Near the end, he gives five specific goals. Which one speaks loudest to you? And does it help to know, according to Jesus, that you have all the help you need?