

PERSONAL REFLECTION

The SHADOW KING

2 Samuel 22-23
Lifesong

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Personal Reflection Question

READ 2 Samuel 22:47-51 & 1 Samuel 2:1-10. A lot of what David is reflecting upon in his life, are answers to Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 2. What are the ways that Hannah's prayer was answered through David's life? Is there anything left unanswered from her prayer? How might this inspire you to keep praying?

2 Samuel 22:1-7, 17-20

2 Samuel 7:15-16, Romans 3:23

God says to each of us:

I WILL BE YOUR GOD. I will _____ and _____ you.

YOU WILL BE MY CHILDREN. I will _____ and _____ you.

1. GOD IS _____.

2 Samuel 22:2-3, 2 Samuel 22:20, Genesis 1:31, Isaiah 43:2

2. GOD IS _____.

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39, 2 Samuel 22:7, 2 Corinthians 5:7, 2 Samuel 12:13

- God forgave David out of _____, not out of _____.

3. GOD IS TO BE _____.

2 Samuel 23:39

Prayer Requests

Weekly Bible Reading Plan

Used from the *READ SCRIPTURE* app. Available for both Android and Apple devices.

March 17: Ruth 1-4 | Psalm 77

March 18: 1 Samuel 1-3 | Psalm 78

March 19: 1 Samuel 4-8 | Psalm 79

March 20 | 1 Samuel 9 - 12 | Psalm 80

March 21: 1 Samuel 13-14 | Psalm 81

March 22: 1 Samuel 15-17 | Psalm 82

March 23: 1 Samuel 18-20 | Psalm 83

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. As the spring is right around the corner, what are you looking forward to the most about the change of season? Why?
2. As we are in our last official week of meeting as Life Groups, what are you grateful for as look back upon your last nine weeks of Life Groups?

QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Pastor Adam talked about [2 Samuel 22:20](#), where David saw God's delight in him, as the reason for his rescue. We are then assured that God will provide us rescue, simply out of His delight and love for us. How does that strike you? Is it believable or unbelievable?

SCRIPTURE REVIEW

[READ 2 Samuel 22:1-7, 17-20](#)

1. What does this passage say about the character of God?
2. What does this passage say about fallen humanity and the world we are in?
3. Where does this passage specifically expose sin or unbelief in my own life? How does it specifically call me to change my thinking, redirect my affections, replace behaviors, and trust in my Savior?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. [READ 2 Samuel 22:5-7](#). Using very descriptive language, David identifies his pain, and calls out to the Lord. Have you ever experienced hardships where you might have used similar language? Did you experience God as your rock in those moments? How so?
 - [READ Psalm 55:20-23](#). In those hard times, did you call out to God as David did? How are you encouraged to approach those hardships through [2 Samuel 22](#), and [Psalm 55](#)?
2. [READ 2 Samuel 22:8-16](#). These two portions of the song depict the moments that David sensed God coming to his rescue. Why do you think that he uses such imagery that we would normally understand as negative?
 - [READ 1 Kings 19:11-13](#). Why does God show up majestically and with grandeur in some moments, and other moments in a quiet whisper?
3. [READ 2 Samuel 22:21-25](#). What was your initial reaction as you read these verses knowing that they were authored by David, who we know turned his back on the Lord in [2 Samuel 11](#)?
 - [READ 2 Samuel 22:26-27 & John 8:34-36](#). Vs. 26-27 are the central verses of this song, which points us to the main theme. What has David learned? How might David's words here encourage us to keep seeking freedom in Christ?

TAKING IT HOME

[READ 2 Samuel 22:29-31](#). David lets us into his mind as he tells us how he has tried to live, and he tells us that with God, we can do anything. How might God be strengthening you for life's challenges you're facing now, or the ones yet to come? How might your Life Group be a part of that support over the next few months?