



THE KINGS & THE KING: A STUDY OF 1 SAMUEL

Man on the Run, Part 4

1 Samuel 27-29

Core Virtue: Faithfulness

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Week 19 Series: "The kings & the King: A Study of 1 Samuel"

This guide is designed to provide helpful hints in preparing and leading your Lighthouse discussion. If you need any assistance or further instruction on any part of this teaching lesson, don't hesitate to contact Chris at celler@ffclife.com.

Announcements:

- **Coming Dates This Spring:**
 - 05/14/2017 Mother's Day
 - 05/26/2017 Spring Lighthouse Semester Ends

- **Spring Teaching Schedule:**
 1. 01/08/2017 1 Samuel 1:1-2:11
 2. 01/15/2017 1 Samuel 2:12-3:21
 3. 01/22/2017 1 Samuel 4:1-11
 4. 01/29/2017 1 Samuel 4:12-7:2
 5. 02/05/2017 1 Samuel 7:3-17
 6. 02/12/2017 1 Samuel 8:1-22
 7. 02/19/2017 1 Samuel 9:1-10:27
 8. 02/26/2017 1 Samuel 11:1-12:24
 9. 03/05/2017 1 Samuel 13:1-14:52
 10. 03/12/2017 1 Samuel 15:1-35
 11. 03/19/2017 1 Samuel 16:1-23
 12. 03/26/2017 1 Samuel 17:1-58

13. 04/02/2017 1 Samuel 18:1-20:42
14. 04/09/2017 Psalm 22 (Palm Sunday)
15. 04/16/2017 Psalm 16 (Easter Sunday)
16. 04/23/2017 1 Samuel 21:1-22
17. 04/30/2017 1 Samuel 23:1-24:22
18. 05/07/2017 1 Samuel 25:1-26:25
- 19. 05/14/2017 1 Samuel 27:1-29:11**
20. 05/21/2017 1 Samuel 30:1-31:13

Overview of this Lesson

This week's text begins with the simple words, "Then David said to himself..." Simple words. Profound effect. This sentence begins a 16-month sojourn into the enemy camp. Rather than protecting and providing safety for farmers and families in small towns like he did in Chapter 25, David and his men raid and pillage villages, killing every man, woman, and child in the village in order to cover their tracks.

How did this happen?

We will examine the context of this week's text and we will see how David's life during this 16-month period of time parallels that of a Carnal Christian. We will also look at the power of self-talk ("David said to himself...") and how our own self-talk shapes our very character.

Memory Verse for This Week

Then David said in his heart, "Now I shall perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than that I should escape to the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will despair of seeking me any longer within the borders of Israel, and I shall escape out of his hand." – 1 Samuel 27:1

This Week's Core Virtue

Faithfulness (Proverbs 3:3-4): I have established a good name with God and with others based on my long-term loyalty to those relationships.

This Week's Take Home Truth

“We live under the subtle sovereignty and powerful providence of God, and through it he prepares his people and brings about his purposes. Period. Regardless. So trust his promises, not man’s successful—or failed—plans.”

Introduction

1. Who has the greatest influence on your physical health, emotions, etc.?
2. What does it mean when someone says they “talked themselves off the ledge”?
3. Looking back at your notes from this week’s sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Make sure you ask this question this week. It gives people the opportunity to discuss questions or issues that come up beyond the written questions. People’s responses can often lead into one of the questions in the “Digging Deeper” section. Also, some weeks this question will result in a lot of discussion, other weeks, not so much.

Read the Text (1 Samuel 27-29)

It appears that few things are going David's way. In reality, however, God is actually accomplishing much more than meets the eye, both internally and externally. Understand more about how God prepares his people in this fourth and final message from 1 Samuel 21-29. Read 1 Samuel 27-29.

[NOTE: this lesson will focus primarily on 1 Samuel 27 & 29.](#)

1 Samuel 27-29 (ESV)

David Flees to the Philistines

¹ Then David said in his heart, “Now I shall perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than that I should escape to the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will despair of seeking me any longer within the borders of Israel, and I shall escape out of his

hand.”² So David arose and went over, he and the six hundred men who were with him, to Achish the son of Maach, king of Gath.³ And David lived with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, and David with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail of Carmel, Nabal’s widow.⁴ And when it was told Saul that David had fled to Gath, he no longer sought him.

⁵ Then David said to Achish, “If I have found favor in your eyes, let a place be given me in one of the country towns, that I may dwell there. For why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you?”⁶ So that day Achish gave him Ziklag. Therefore Ziklag has belonged to the kings of Judah to this day.⁷ And the number of the days that David lived in the country of the Philistines was a year and four months.

⁸ Now David and his men went up and made raids against the Geshurites, the Girzites, and the Amalekites, for these were the inhabitants of the land from of old, as far as Shur, to the land of Egypt.⁹ And David would strike the land and would leave neither man nor woman alive, but would take away the sheep, the oxen, the donkeys, the camels, and the garments, and come back to Achish.¹⁰ When Achish asked, “Where have you made a raid today?” David would say, “Against the Negeb of Judah,” or, “Against the Negeb of the Jerahmeelites,” or, “Against the Negeb of the Kenites.”¹¹ And David would leave neither man nor woman alive to bring news to Gath, thinking, “lest they should tell about us and say, ‘So David has done.’” Such was his custom all the while he lived in the country of the Philistines.¹² And Achish trusted David, thinking, “He has made himself an utter stench to his people Israel; therefore he shall always be my servant.”

Saul and the Medium of En-dor

¹ In those days the Philistines gathered their forces for war, to fight against Israel. And Achish said to David, “Understand that you and your men are to go out with me in the army.”² David said to Achish, “Very well, you shall know what your servant can do.” And

Achish said to David, “Very well, I will make you my bodyguard for life.”

³ Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. And Saul had put the mediums and the necromancers out of the land. ⁴ The Philistines assembled and came and encamped at Shunem. And Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. ⁵ When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. ⁶ And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. ⁷ Then Saul said to his servants, “Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her.” And his servants said to him, “Behold, there is a medium at En-dor.”

⁸ So Saul disguised himself and put on other garments and went, he and two men with him. And they came to the woman by night. And he said, “Divine for me by a spirit and bring up for me whomever I shall name to you.” ⁹ The woman said to him, “Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the necromancers from the land. Why then are you laying a trap for my life to bring about my death?” ¹⁰ But Saul swore to her by the LORD, “As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing.” ¹¹ Then the woman said, “Whom shall I bring up for you?” He said, “Bring up Samuel for me.” ¹² When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman said to Saul, “Why have you deceived me? You are Saul.” ¹³ The king said to her, “Do not be afraid. What do you see?” And the woman said to Saul, “I see a god coming up out of the earth.” ¹⁴ He said to her, “What is his appearance?” And she said, “An old man is coming up, and he is wrapped in a robe.” And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground and paid homage.

¹⁵ Then Samuel said to Saul, “Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?” Saul answered, “I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams.

Therefore I have summoned you to tell me what I shall do.”¹⁶ And Samuel said, “Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has turned from you and become your enemy?”¹⁷ The LORD has done to you as he spoke by me, for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David.¹⁸ Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you this day.¹⁹ Moreover, the LORD will give Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me. The LORD will give the army of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines.”

²⁰ Then Saul fell at once full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night.²¹ And the woman came to Saul, and when she saw that he was terrified, she said to him, “Behold, your servant has obeyed you. I have taken my life in my hand and have listened to what you have said to me.²² Now therefore, you also obey your servant. Let me set a morsel of bread before you; and eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way.”²³ He refused and said, “I will not eat.” But his servants, together with the woman, urged him, and he listened to their words. So he arose from the earth and sat on the bed.²⁴ Now the woman had a fattened calf in the house, and she quickly killed it, and she took flour and kneaded it and baked unleavened bread of it,²⁵ and she put it before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.

The Philistines Reject David

¹ Now the Philistines had gathered all their forces at Aphek. And the Israelites were encamped by the spring that is in Jezreel.² As the lords of the Philistines were passing on by hundreds and by thousands, and David and his men were passing on in the rear with Achish,³ the commanders of the Philistines said, “What are these Hebrews doing here?” And Achish said to the commanders of the Philistines, “Is this not David, the servant of Saul, king of Israel, who

has been with me now for days and years, and since he deserted to me I have found no fault in him to this day.”⁴ But the commanders of the Philistines were angry with him. And the commanders of the Philistines said to him, “Send the man back, that he may return to the place to which you have assigned him. He shall not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an adversary to us. For how could this fellow reconcile himself to his lord? Would it not be with the heads of the men here?”⁵ Is not this David, of whom they sing to one another in dances,

*‘Saul has struck down his thousands,
and David his ten thousands?’”*

⁶ Then Achish called David and said to him, “As the LORD lives, you have been honest, and to me it seems right that you should march out and in with me in the campaign. For I have found nothing wrong in you from the day of your coming to me to this day. Nevertheless, the lords do not approve of you.”⁷ So go back now; and go peaceably, that you may not displease the lords of the Philistines.”⁸ And David said to Achish, “But what have I done? What have you found in your servant from the day I entered your service until now, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?”⁹ And Achish answered David and said, “I know that you are as blameless in my sight as an angel of God. Nevertheless, the commanders of the Philistines have said, ‘He shall not go up with us to the battle.’¹⁰ Now then rise early in the morning with the servants of your lord who came with you, and start early in the morning, and depart as soon as you have light.”¹¹ So David set out with his men early in the morning to return to the land of the Philistines. But the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

Digging Deeper

In this section, feel free to develop your own questions to help guide your group’s discussion. Below are some suggestions. Remember, if you are hearing from everyone in your group, chances are you won’t have to time to discuss every question. You may start with one that catches your attention so you don’t run out of time. For example, it’s

not odd to start with Question #6, then go to Question #5 and if you have time come back to Question #4.

4. Briefly summarize what is happening to David in 1 Samuel 27-29.

Still running for his life from Saul and Saul's army, David and his 600-man militia and their families flee to the land of the Philistines. There David creates an alliance with Prince Achish, the son of the King of Gath. In exchange for this alliance, Achish gives David and his men the city of Ziklag, which is where they live for the next 16 months.

David begins a life of deception and destruction. During this time he raids the villages of several neighboring nations who are neither the enemy or ally of Philistia. At the same time, David is reporting to Achish that he is raiding Israeli villages to earn Achish's trust. (Israel is the sworn enemy of Philistia.) David's deception works and Achish begins to view David as a strong and valuable ally in their on-going war with Israel. Unfortunately, to cover his lie, David is killing every man, woman, and child in the villages he plunders so there are no witnesses to his deception.

As this period of deception comes to an end, David is faced with a no-win choice. The Philistines are gathering and preparing for war with Israel. Achish sees David as a valuable asset in the coming fight with Israel and forces David and his men to join his army. David is now faced with the impossible choice of breaking his alliance with the Philistines or actually fighting against Israel and Saul, the Lord's anointed.

Thankfully for David, the other Philistine kings are not as trusting of David as Achish and refuse to allow David to fight in their army. Consequently, Achish orders David to return to Ziklag, away from Jezreel, where the battle with Israel is to take place.

5. At the start of this sojourn into the enemy camp, David is listening to the wrong voice. Who is David listening to?

As if to underscore the humanistic foundation of the next few chapters, the writer of 1 Samuel begins this account with the words, "Then David said to himself..."

As before, when David gained a great military victory over Goliath, he is here coming from a time of great personal victory. Providentially,

God used the wise and timely counsel of Abigail to keep David from murdering the foolish farmer, Nabal. Then David again demonstrated his strong trust in God when he refused to take Saul's life even though it appeared the Lord had delivered Saul into David's hand, and David's men were eager to kill Saul. David recognized clearly it was wrong to do. He stood on his principles and earned the respect of his men and even of Saul, who blessed him for his strength and commitment to the Lord. Even though Saul blesses David, he is still determined to kill David.

Tired of being the man on the run, David enters a period of discouragement. Instead of turning to God, David let's his tiredness and fear overwhelm him. 1 Samuel 27:1 tells us exactly what David was thinking: "Now I shall perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than that I should escape to the land of the Philistines."

Dale Ralph David aptly captures the impact of David's self-talk:

David is convinced that he himself will be "swept away" by Saul if he does not exit Israel. It is a revealing reverse. Contrary to Yahweh's record of protection, contrary to Yahweh's promise via Jonathan and Abigail, David is certain he will now be swept away. I do not mean this in a detached way, as if I were saying, "Why didn't he read J. I. Packer's *Knowing God* and make the right decision?" No, I realize it is too easy to be a spectator of the biblical text, and, yes, David was under severe pressures here, yet at this point he looks to Philistia rather than to Yahweh as his security.¹

6. Some see David's life in Ziklag as a parallel to the Carnal Christian. What are the similarities?

David's trust is clearly not in God during his 16 months in Ziklag. In fact, David makes no reference to God in 1 Samuel 27-29. There are no psalms written by David during this period of his life. He is away from God literally and physically, choosing to live in the enemy camp rather than in the land of Israel.

¹ Dale Ralph Davis, *Focus on the Bible Commentary – 1 Samuel: Looking on the Heart*, (Great Britain: Christian Focus Publications, 2000), WORDsearch CROSS e-book, 282.

Chuck Swindoll makes the connection between this time in David's life and a Carnal Christian:

What a picture this is of a Christian who deliberately opts for carnality. We don't hear much about the carnal Christian, do we? We hear a lot about the lost person who's never met Jesus Christ. We hear a great deal about the saved person who's walking in victory. But not much is said about the believer who chooses to disobey God and operate in the flesh. David, at this point in his life, is a clear illustration of a man who is a believer on the inside, but on the outside he looks just like a nonbeliever because of the way he's living his life.²

What is a Carnal Christian? J. Vernon McGee provides an excellent descriptions:

How can we identify the carnal Christian? It is the Christian who is using the weak arm of the flesh. He uses carnal methods to obtain spiritual goals.

The Greek word for carnal is *sarkikos*, which means "fleshly." In Latin and French the word *carna* means "sensual." We get our word carnival from two words, *carne vale*, which means "farewell flesh." You see, carnival was something they had before the season of Lent. During Lent they would practice farewell to the flesh with certain denials of pleasure to the flesh; so just before Lent they would gorge and gourmandize the flesh, get drunk, satisfy and satiate the flesh in every possible way. Then they would be able to do without such things during Lent! An example of this is the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. That literally means "fat Tuesday" and refers to the Tuesday before Lent begins.

Paul described folk like this when he used the expression, "... whose God is their belly ..." (Phil. 3:19). You say, "Oh, that's crude." I agree with you; it is crude. But the thing it speaks about is

² Charles R. Swindoll, *David: A Man of Passion and Destiny* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1997).

even more crude. This would be an apt description of a lot of folk.
Their motto is: Do what comes naturally. Let the flesh have its way.³

7. How do our thoughts guide our emotions and our actions?

David wasn't unique when it comes to self-talk (v. 1). We all carry on conversations in our mind, and these thoughts are powerful in a positive way and powerful in a negative way.

We can see from this week's text how David's self-talk caused him to conclude that Saul was going to kill him and that he had no choice but to run into the enemy camp.

What is self-talk? Quite simply, it's the thoughts you tell yourself. In his book, *A Better Way to Think*, H. Norman Wright tell us that a "fast talker" can speak up to 200 words a minute, but we can listen to and process more than 1300 words per minute. Throughout the day, and many times in the night, our mind is active mulling over problems and opportunities, weighing decisions that are approaching, reviewing conversations from the past or rehearsing conversations in the future, considering relationship interaction, and so much more. Our thoughts frame everything we do, every relationship, even our self-image.

Proverbs 23:6 puts it succinctly when it tells us that as a man thinks, so is he.

Do you want to know how to improve your life dramatically? Watch how you talk to yourself. You may learn that you are without question the harshest critic of yourself. You may hear words like "worthless" and "stupid" and "ugly" and "dumb" flying through your mind at a rapid pace.

It's natural for us to often react negatively to ourselves when we do something stupid. You may even verbally say to yourself, "that was sure stupid." But what happens when you're not doing something obviously stupid? What words do you use then to talk to yourself?

For example, you are driving home from work and you see a display sign advertising graduate degrees available online through Iowa State

³ J. Vernon McGee, *Thru the Bible Commentary: The Epistles (1 Corinthians)*, electronic ed., vol. 44 (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1991), 42.

University. You may drive past and think nothing more about it, or you may reactively think to yourself, “ha, I could never get a graduate degree, I’m too stupid. I’ll never get out of this dead-end job.”

That little conversation with yourself repeated multiple times per day (or per hour) clearly will shape your self-perception. Norman Wright states,

The truth is, the content of your thoughts matters a lot. You see, our thoughts can limit who we are and what we become, or they can act as the catalyst prompting us forward in our lives. Our thoughts influence our character, shape our attitudes, determine our behaviors, affect our spirituality, and even influence the immune system, says author, educator, and psychologist Archibald Hart. “Your thinking determines whether you will be happy or sad most of the time.”⁴

David allowed negative self-talk to influence his decision to leave Israel and hide in Philistia. As a result, he brought with him 600 households to also live in Philistia and in order to feed and care for all of these people, his men went from protecting people (cf. 1 Samuel 25) to becoming a violent, destructive force raiding, killing and pillaging innocent people. All because “David said to himself...”

8. What steps can we take to base our thoughts on faith and not on fear?

You can control your thoughts, and your thoughts control you. Let the words of that sentence sink in a bit. If there are people in your Lighthouse who struggle with worry, fear, anxiety, depression, etc., then there are people who need to work to change their self-talk.

Here are some steps to help people begin to gain control of their self-talk:

1. **Review the “Seven Habits of Highly Effective Listeners” found at the end of this lesson.** Your group members will have these seven habits listed in their handout.
2. **Pay attention and watch for “hot thoughts.”** According to Wright, “hot thoughts usually take the reality of a situation out of

⁴ H. Norman Wright, *A Better Way to Think* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2011).

the realm of being reality. By using language that isn't accurate or precise, we distort our thinking." We see a "hot thought" enter David's thinking this week ("Saul is going to kill me...") This thought wasn't accurate and flew in the face of what God had told David through a broad assortment of people, from Samuel, to Jonathan, to Abigail, to Saul. Yet, David let this "hot thought" take root and control his response.

3. **Learn to identify and destroy toxic thoughts.** Toxic thoughts are false beliefs that have taken root in the soil of your character and now define either in part or in whole who you are. These false beliefs were probably sown during childhood and repeated often to the point you now believe it to be true. Single words may define these false beliefs: stupid, dumb, lazy, weak. Norman Wright provides four questions to help identify and begin to deal with toxic thoughts:
 - a. *What major false belief do I want to eliminate?* (Example: I probably have no chance at getting that job I want.)
 - b. *What evidence can I discover that makes my idea false?* (Example: My résumé shows I'm well qualified. I have interviewed well in the past, and have landed jobs I wanted.)
 - c. *If what I want doesn't occur (getting the job) or the undesirable does happen, what's the worst outcome?* (Example: I will be disappointed, but there will be other opportunities. It won't bring terrible consequences. I still have another job that brings in the money I need to cover my bills. I will be able to handle the disappointment.)
 - d. *If what I want doesn't occur, or if the undesirable thing does occur, what satisfying things could I do as an alternative?* (Example: I could focus on working toward advancement at my current job. I could ask the interviewer what I could do to improve my chances in the future. I could use this experience to rely more upon God and seek his will for the right job. I can thank him for closing this door, and trust that it was the best for me at this time.)

4. **Let the Word of God speak into your life.** Norman Wright states,

The Bible promises the believer a sound, well-balanced mind. In 2 Timothy, Paul writes, “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control” (1:7 AMP, emphasis added).

Scriptural teaching about our thoughts is not just informative; it’s encouraging—and potentially life changing. Memorizing and dwelling upon this Scripture can help bring order to your thought life and, as a result, improve your relationships, health, and happiness.

Imagine the impact if we countered every thought about being scattered, divided, and fragmented with this forceful self-talk: “Stop—that’s not true!”⁵

Included at the end of this week’s lesson is an index of topics with related Scriptures that will prove helpful in combating negative self-talk.

Concluding Thoughts

These questions are given to prompt both reflection and learning on a personal level, and should likely be completed individually and apart from your regular group time.

9. Looking back at this week’s teaching and study, what’s the most important thing to remember?

10. In her book, *The Silent Seduction of Self-Talk*, Shelly Beach encourages readers to follow “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Listeners” to bring a healthy, positive, biblical focus to the thoughts that race through our mind on a moment-by-moment basis. Take time this week to let these habits filter your thinking.

1. Learn to be a student of your own heart as you observe yourself.
2. Think in terms of life change.

⁵ H. Norman Wright, *A Better Way to Think* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2011).

3. Prepare for a marathon as you reshape lifelong patterns of thinking.
4. Commit to the disciplines of self-examination, reflection, and prayer.
5. Find an accountability partner.
6. Rely upon Scripture and the power of the Holy Spirit to convict, speak, and transform.
7. Learn the power of positive praise.

Scripture References to Common Needs

- Abiding: Psalm 119:15–16, Psalm 119:105, John 15:1–4, John 15:7, Colossians 3:15–17, James 4:8, 1 John 2:24–25, 1 John 3:6
- Access to God: 2 Samuel 22:7, Psalm 4:3, Psalm 28:6–7, Psalm 34:4–7, Psalm 120:1, John 14:13–14, Hebrews 4:16, James 5:16, 1 Peter 3:12, Matthew 7:7–8
- Adoration: 1 Chronicles 16:29, Psalm 46:10–11, Psalm 48:1, Psalm 95:6, Psalm 100:4–5, Psalm 108:1–5, Psalm 117:1–2, Romans 14:11, 2 Corinthians 1:3
- Anger: Psalm 30:5, Psalm 145:8, Proverbs 14:7, Proverbs 15:8, Proverbs 16:23, Proverbs 19:11, Proverbs 22:24–25, Ecclesiastes 4:31–32, Colossians 3:21
- Answered Prayer: Psalm 91:15–16, Jeremiah 33:3, Matthew 7:7–8, Matthew 7:11, Matthew 18:19–20, John 14:13–14, Ephesians 3:20–21, 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, 1 Thessalonians 5:24, Hebrews 4:16, Hebrews 11:6, James 1:5–6, James 5:16, 1 John 3:22
- Attitudes: Proverbs 4:23, Micah 6:8, Galatians 5:16, Galatians 5:22–23, Ephesians 4:31–32, Ephesians 5:1–2, Philippians 2:5–8, Philippians 2:14
- Blessing: Psalm 1:1–3, Psalm 112:1–3, Matthew 7:7–8, 1 Corinthians 2:9–10, Ephesians 1:3, Ephesians 3:20–21, Philippians 4:19
- Brokenness: Psalm 34:18–19, Psalm 51:1, 6, 9, 10, 12–13, 17, John 15:5, Philippians 4:13, James 4:6–7, 10
- Comfort: Psalm 18:2, Psalm 37:39, Psalm 46:1–3, Psalm 55:22, Psalm 119:50, Isaiah 49:13, Matthew 11:28, John 14:16, John 14:26, John 16:33, 2 Corinthians 1:3–4, 2 Thessalonians 2:16–17
- Commitment and Endurance: Psalm 37:3–7, Matthew 10:32, Matthew 10:38–39, 2 Timothy 1:12, Hebrews 10:35–36, Hebrews 11:6, Hebrews 12:1–2, James 4:7–8, James 5:11
- Compassion: Psalm 86:15, Micah 6:8, Zechariah 7:9–10, Matthew 9:36, Galatians 6:1–2, Hebrews 4:14–15, 1 Peter 3:8
- Contentment: Proverbs 3:6, Isaiah 26:3–4, John 14:27, Romans 8:28, Philippians 4:6–7, Philippians 4:11, Philippians 4:13, 1 Timothy 6:6–8, Hebrews 13:5
- Courage: Deuteronomy 3:5–6, Psalm 27:14, Psalm 31:24, Isaiah 40:29, Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 43:1, Isaiah 54:17, Romans 6:37–39, Hebrews 10:22–23, 1 John 4:18
- Death: Psalm 23:4, Psalm 48:14, Psalm 49:15, Psalm 73:26, Proverbs 14:32, Isaiah 25:8, Romans 8:38–39, 1 Corinthians 15:55, 2 Corinthians 4:16, Hebrews 2:14–15
- Deliverance, Protection, and Help: 2 Samuel 22:2–4, Psalm 34:4–6, Psalm 46:1–2, Psalm 50:14–15, Jeremiah 29:12–14, Joel 2:32, Romans 8:37, Philippians 4:13, 19, 1 John 3:22, Jude 24–25
- Discernment: John 15:14–15, Romans 8:6, 1 Corinthians 2:14–15
- Discipleship: Psalm 119:105, Luke 9:23–24, John 13:34–35, John 15:8, John 15:10–12, Colossians 3:16–17, 2 Timothy 2:15

Discipline: 1 Kings 8:61, Psalm 25:4, John 14:15, 1 Corinthians 10:4–5, Hebrews 12:6–8, James 1:22

Enemies: Deuteronomy 20:4, Psalm 27:5–6, Psalm 37:40, Psalm 60:12, Proverbs 16:7, Isaiah 54:17

Eternal Life: John 6:47, John 11:25–26, 1 Corinthians 15:51–54, John 3:16, 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17, 1 John 5:13, 1 John 2:25, Revelation 7:15–17

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Faith: Matthew 11:22–24, Matthew 17:20, Luke 1:37, John 15:7, Romans 10:17, Ephesians 3:20, Ephesians 6:16, Philippians 4:19, Colossians 2:6–7, Hebrews 11:1, 6, 1 John 5:4

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