



# Thru the Bible in 2012

*The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God endures forever. Isaiah 40:8*

## Ladies for Jesus Thursday Bible Study Lesson

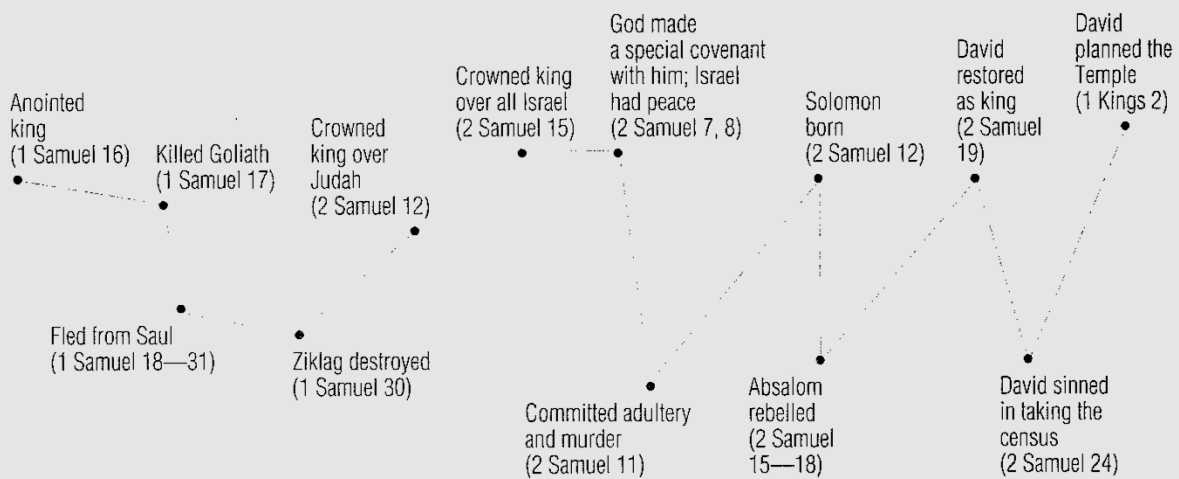
Readings for June 22, 2012 – June 28, 2012

Class Discussion: Thursday, June 28, 2012

### King David's Highs and Lows

#### HIGHS AND LWS OF DAVID'S LIFE

The Bible calls David a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22), but that didn't mean his life was free of troubles. David's life was full of highs and lows. Some of David's troubles were a result of his sins; some were a result of the sins of others. We can't always control our ups and downs, but we can trust God every day. We can be certain that he will help us through our trials, just as he helped David. In the end, he will reward us for our consistent faith.



How did David use the “highs “ in his life to bring Him closer to the Lord?

How did David use the “lows” in his life to bring Him closer to the Lord?

How are you using the highs and lows in your life to bring you closer to the Lord?

<b>REBELLION</b>	<i>Who rebelled?</i>	<i>Whom they rebelled against</i>	<i>What happened</i>	<i>Reference</i>
<p>The Bible records many rebellions. Many were against God's chosen leaders. They were doomed for failure. Others were begun by wicked men against wicked men. While these were sometimes successful, the rebel's life usually came to a violent end. Still other rebellions were made by good people against the wicked or unjust actions of others. This kind of rebellion is sometimes good in freeing the common people from oppression and giving them the freedom to turn back to God.</p>	Adam and Eve	God	Expelled from Eden	Genesis 3
	Israelites	God, Moses	Forced to wander in wilderness for 40 years	Numbers 14
	Korah	Moses	Swallowed by the earth	Numbers 16
	Israelites	God	God took away his special promise of protection	Judges 2
	★ Absalom (David's son)	David	Killed in battle	2 Samuel 15–18
	Sheba	David	Killed in battle	2 Samuel 20
	Adonijah (David's son)	David, Solomon	Killed for treason	1 Kings 1–2
	Joab	David, Solomon	Supported Adonijah's kingship without seeking God's choice. Killed for treason	1 Kings 1–2
	Ten tribes of Israel	Rehoboam	The kingdom was divided. The 10 tribes forgot about God, sinned, and were eventually taken into captivity	1 Kings 12:16-20
	Baasha, king of Israel	Nadab, king of Israel	Overthrew the throne and became king. God destroyed his descendants	1 Kings 15:27–16:7
	Zimri, king of Israel	Elah, king of Israel	Overthrew the throne, but killed himself when his rule was not accepted	1 Kings 16:9-16
	Jehu, king of Israel	Joram, king of Israel Ahaziah, king of Judah	Killed both kings. Later turned from God and his dynasty was wiped out	2 Kings 9–10
	Joash, king of Judah Jehoiada, a priest	Athaliah, queen of Judah	Athaliah, a wicked queen, was overthrown. This was a "good" rebellion	2 Kings 11
	Shallum, king of Israel	Zechariah, king of Israel	Overthrew the throne, but then was assassinated	2 Kings 15:8-15
	Menahem, king of Israel	Shallum, king of Israel	Overthrew the throne, but then was invaded by Assyrian army	2 Kings 15:16-22
Hoshea, king of Israel	Assyria	The city of Samaria was destroyed, the nation of Israel taken into captivity	2 Kings 17	
Zedekiah, king of Judah	Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon	The city of Jerusalem was destroyed, the nation of Judah taken into captivity	2 Kings 24–25	



Why couldn't David just crush this rebellion of Absalom? Consider this . . .

1. The rebellion was widespread (15:10-13) and would not have been easily suppressed.
2. David did not want the city of Jerusalem to be destroyed.
3. David still cared for his son and did not want to hurt him.

How has "rebellion" from others caused you to change course in your own life?  
Did the course bring you closer to God or further away from Him?