4th Quarter – Week 5

(King Saul Is Killed – David Is Vindicated)

Day 1 **1 Samuel 26**	**Key Thoughts:** ● The Ziphites betray David a second time, revealing his hiding place. Saul sends 3,000 men to hunt David down. David sends out spies to Saul's camp. They identify Saul's tent (26:15). ● David takes two men and they sneak into Saul's tent at night. He is fast asleep and Abishai believes God has delivered Saul to David, but David forbids killing God's anointed. David takes Saul's spear and water jug. The entire camp is kept asleep by the Lord. (26:6-12). ● David shouts down to Saul and his army from a safe place confronting Saul and his army (26:13-20). ● Saul shows remorse and David appeals to God. Saul and David part ways with Saul pronouncing a blessing over David (26:21-24). **Jesus Christ:** David's submission to God's will was a foreshadowing of Jesus' submission to God the Father's will.
Day 2 **1 Samuel 27** **Psalm 17, 35**	**Key Thoughts:** ● David flees to the land of the Philistines with 600 men and their families. He settles with Achish causing Saul to stop hunting him (27:1-4). ● King Achish grants David a city in which to live, Ziklag. He stays in Philistine territory for 16 months (27:5-7). ● David raids the Geshurites, Girzites and Amalekites killing everyone so no one could report on him. King Achish asks David where he has been raiding, and David lies to him. Achish believes David has raided his own people, Israel (27:8-12). ● Psalm 17 is a personal lament and prayer of David. He is asking God for protection, vindication, and satisfaction in God's will and perseverance. ● Psalm 35 is an imprecatory prayer which is asking God to judge and defeat the wicked enemies. **Jesus Christ:** Jesus never fled from God's will unlike David.
Day 3 **1 Samuel 28** **Psalm 54, 63**	**Key Thoughts:** ● King Achish gathers for war against Israel. He drafts David and his men because of David's previous deception. Saul is terrorized and God is silent. He then searches out a medium. God permits the spirit of Samuel to appear and inform Saul he will lose the kingdom and he and his sons will be killed. Saul collapses and must be fed to bring him back on his feet (28:1-25). ● Psalm 54 offers a powerful contrast between the fate of those who trust in God and those who abandon Him. ● Psalm 63 is a sharp contrast between himself and King Saul. The Psalm highlights how true fulfillment comes with a relationship with God, while seeking power apart from God leads to destruction. **Jesus Christ:** Saul experienced silence from God because of his sin. Jesus experienced silence from God on the cross because He bore our sins.

Day 4 **1 Samuel 29**	**Key Thoughts:** ● King Achish assembles the Philistines array to attack Israel. David and his 600 men are kept in the rear alongside King Achish. The Philistine commanders notice the set up and demand an answer how the Israelites can be included. They remind Achish of David's identity and reputation (29:1-5). ● Achish vouches for David, and David protests against the complaints continuing the deception. King Achish is pleased with David but orders him to turn back to please the commanders. The Lord sovereignly delivered David from his predicament (29:6-11). **Jesus Christ:** God providentially preserved David. God sovereignly preserved Jesus from every trial and plot to kill him until his appointed time to die.
Day 5 **1 Samuel 30-31**	**Key Thoughts:** ● David and his 600 men return to Ziklag. They discover the city burned, and the women and children taken captive by the Amalekites, including Daivid's two wives. His men talk of stoning him but David seeks the Lord. The priest, Abiathar, tells David to pursue the Amalekites and he will recover everything. An Egyptian slave is left behind by the Amalekites and he leads David to the Amalekites' camp. David defeats them and recovers everything. There is friction amongst David's men as David shares the plunder with the 200 men who were too tired to fight (30:1-31). ● The Philistines war against Israel and Saul is killed as he falls upon his own sword after being wounded. His three sons are also killed. Saul and his sons are fastened to the wall of Bethshan. Men from Jabesh–gilead march all night to take down the corpses and bury them (31:1-13). **Jesus Christ:** When abandoned by his own men, David turned to God. Jesus trusted the Father always and completely even when abandoned by all.
Day 6 **Psalm 18**	**Key Thoughts:** ● Psalm 18 is a triumphant song of deliverance. He begins with a declaration of love and absolute dependance upon God (18:1-3). ● David gives God all the glory for being rescued. The power of God could not be defeated in God's plan to protect and rescue David (18:4-19). ● David was rewarded by God for his faith and righteousness. It does not mean he was sinless, but his faith was in God (18:20-24). ● God is given the credit for David's victories (18:25-42). ● The Psalm ends with David praising God. The plans of God for Israel and David will not be thwarted (18:43-50). **Jesus Christ:** Paul quotes Psalm 18:49 in Romans 15:9 to show that Jesus came to save the Gentiles.