

The Battle of Keilah
1 Samuel 23:1-14
November 22, 2020

I. The Battle of Keilah (V. 1-5)

- A. Trusting God starts with asking His _____.
- B. Trusting God means His _____ is your _____.
- C. Trusting God does not require an _____.
- D. Trusting God helps _____ as well as others (1 Timothy 4:13-16).

II. The Aftermath (V. 6-14)

- A. Trusting God often leads to new _____.
- B. Trusting God does not depend on other _____.
- C. Trusting God may mean stumbling, but it never means _____ (Psalm 37:23-24).

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Samuel 23:1-14
2. Attacking the Philistines and saving Keilah would be an impossible task for David, yet he asks God anyway. Have you ever been afraid to ask God His will about a certain issue? Why?
3. Have you ever been overwhelmed with one task and, before it is resolved, had God called you to work toward an even harder one, as God did David in verse 2? What did you do and how did it work out?
4. Have you ever second-guessed God's calling because of how difficult it was, as David did in verse 4? What did you find the second time you asked God His opinion?
5. How have you personally benefited from helping God's people, as David did in verse 5?
6. As wonderful and necessary as it is to follow God's plan for our lives, oftentimes obeying God leads to new problems, as David realized in verse 9. What new problems have arisen in your life due to trusting God? How are you dealing with them?
7. Have you ever trusted God in obedience and then had people not appreciate it, as the people of Keilah did David in verse 12? Was that oppression expected or unexpected? How should hostility or negativity from the people around us affect our trusting God with His will for our life?
8. Pray for each other, that you would all grow in your trusting God in His plan for your life. Review the Prayer Guide about prayer needs throughout the congregation.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: 1 Chronicles 22-28

November Memory Verses: Psalm 119:11 and 2 Timothy 2:15

Psalm 46:10

*“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”*

Our Vision: To create a culture of discipleship that leads to worship and compels us to be on mission.

PRAY for us as a church family to grow in our devotion and our discipleship.
PRAY that we would be faithful in all our individual areas of ministry.
PRAY that God will draw many to Himself in this difficult time.
PRAY for YOUR ONE to be saved.
PRAY for Grief Share small group starting November 29
PRAY for the ASU West college ministry.
PRAY for the Wednesday evening AWANA ministry and the need for Awana nursery helpers.
PRAY for the people of Puluk in Indonesia to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel.
PRAY for Dr. Doug and Cheryl D. to be able to return to their field of service soon.
PRAY for the Family Revival Night. (This Tuesday, November 24)

Apollo Baptist Church is in lockdown mode until after November 22.

All worship services will be live streamed only with no in-person worship until after November 22.

All Sunday School classes are postponed until after November 22.

Our Mission: To Care as Jesus CARES:

PRAY for God's protection from the COVID virus.
PRAY that we will love and encourage each other by reaching out to our membership.
PRAY that God will continue to use the FOOD BOX MINISTRY to bring people to Himself and that we will keep the food pantry stocked.
PRAY for the hospital workers, first responders and police officers to be drawn to God and to be filled with His strength, love, and ability.
PRAY for all our schools/teachers/administrators/workers and parents in this school year with difficulties never before encountered.
PRAY for us all to be a source of light in the darkness of racial prejudice.
PRAY for our country and for us to be godly citizens.
PRAY that we will each be faithful to give financially to Apollo Baptist Church so that we can have the funds to continue ministering.
PRAY for the effectiveness of Operation Christmas Child.
PRAY for the upcoming World Missions Offering.

Our Church Family:

PRAY for Pastor Gary and our other pastors (Pastor Jim, Pastor Reginald, Pastor Brian) as they seek God's way to lead our church.
PRAY for our intern, Juliana S., and her ministry.
PRAY for our deacons to be able to keep up with their families and contacts effectively.
PRAY for additional preschool volunteers to care for children once a month during the morning worship service.

Pray For Our Church Family Needs:

- Those struggling with fear and anxiety because of the pandemic
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
 - Rebecca R. (brother), Ray and Sue J. (daughter-in-law, Lynette), Dan and Shirley S. (Dan's father), Nancy C. (father, Pete), April H. (husband, Gary), Ken R. (sister, Joan), Randie A. and Bonnie V. (mother), Tim P., Alexa P., Erika P. (grandfather)
 - Grief Share participants
- Those struggling with cancer issues:
 - Mary C. (breast cancer), Brenda R. (blood cancer and possible donors of bone marrow), Leroy D. (his brother), Ketty B's. grandmother (breast cancer)
- Those struggling with chronic health issues:
 - Michelle L. (migraines, although improving), Rezwana D. (migraines), Mary R. (possibly starting dialysis), Ruthie C. (severe weight loss), Jimmy (grandson of Raul and Cindy O. has autism and migraines), Laura M. (neck vertebrae with ruptured disc causing extreme pain), Larry D. (brain bleed not completely healed), Don R. (sciatica pain), Twyla H. (high blood pressure), Wayne and Twyla D. (Parkinsons), Floyd W. (Pat's dementia), Elaine D. (medication issues)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Brenda R. (bone marrow transplant), Laura M. (Nov. 24-neck vertebrae), James M. (cleaning out the veins in his legs), Dale O. (knee replacement)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Kevin M. (vertebrae surgery), Butch L. (slowly healing from skin cancer surgery and infection), Jonathan B. (hand surgery), Mary R. (dialysis related surgery), Judy H. (hip surgery), Bob B. (cataract surgery)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Billy H.
- Others that you are aware of