

Week 20: May 19 (May 12–May 18) PICK UP AT MAY 15

- Saul errs right away and fails to follow God’s commands and will.
- Samuel tells Saul: “You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you...Now, your kingdom will not endure.”
- Saul shows how the Urim and Thummim were used - casting lots to discern the will of God.
- God’s lament to Samuel: “I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and not carried out my instructions.”
- God sends Samuel to the house of Jesse to anoint David
- David was the youngest: “The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”
- David confronts Goliath, kills him with his sling, cuts off his head, defeating the Philistines as result
- David and Jonathan, who “became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself.” Buechner’s eloquent response
- Saul’s anger toward David turns murderous
- Jesus’ “brothers” urge Jesus to be more visible and public in his work; “show yourself to the world”
- “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink”
- The story of the adulterous woman - the note points out that the “earliest manuscripts and many other ancient witnesses” lack the story
- Powerful story - what is the lesson beyond “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her”?
- “I am the light of the world”
- “I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.”
- “If you hold to my teaching, then you really are my disciples. The you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.... Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.”
- “Before Abraham was born, I am!”
- The story of the man born blind: “for judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”
- “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”
- “I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also.”
- Psalm 109:16 - “For he never thought of doing a kindness, but hounded to death the poor and the needy and the brokenhearted...”

- Psalm 113 is the first of the Hallel Psalms (113-118): Praise the Lord, or in Hebrew, *Hallelu Yah*
- Proverbs 15:4 - “The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.”
- Proverbs 15:13 - “A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.”
- Proverbs 15:18 - “A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel.”