

**Reading assignment for week 16** (April 16): 1 Chronicles 5-26

**Theme:** Serving and worshipping God

**Memory:** 1 Chronicles 4:10 *"...O that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that your hand would be with me, and that you would keep me from evil that I may not cause pain..."*

**Consider/discuss**

1. In chapter 14 David rejoiced over the victories of his past, but continued to seek the will of God for other important decisions. How does this illustrate the difference between faith and presumption?
2. In chapters 15-17 we read how David brought the Ark of the Covenant in the Jerusalem and placed it in its rightful place in the tabernacle. Describe how Michael's response in 15:29 was different from the response of David and the rest of the people. In your opinion, how was their response a reflection of what was in their heart?
3. Notice the conversation between Nathan and David in chapter 17.
  - A. What was said that illustrates the fact that God's will must not be presumed?
  - B. What was said that illustrates that God's favor is not be assumed to be a "blank check" that allows a man to do whatever he wants to do?
4. In chapter 17 we read how the nation thrived under David's leadership. What lessons do you glean from this chapter that illustrates how the church today can thrive?
5. In chapter 19, Joab and Abishai made a pact that if either were to be overwhelmed in the fight, the other would come to their aid. How does this story illustrate the attitude Christians should have today?