

## Reading Report

A Tale of three Kings by Gene Edwards

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A Tale of three Kings by Gene Edwards is about brokenness through the biblical characters of a young David, King Saul, Older David, Absalom and God. There is pain and hurt mentioned throughout this book. All the biblical characters suffered through pain. God chose King Saul to crush David. David grew in understanding. What do you do when someone throws a spear at you? is mentioned at the beginning of the book. A spear can mean many things in one's life. Different problems, conflicts, obstacles are just a few examples. Humbleness and humility is also mentioned throughout the book. In the ministry where I serve, this book provided spiritual comfort and encouragement through the biblical characters. David asked a question to the reader of this book "What do you do when someone throws a spear at you?"<sup>1</sup> I see this as a statement of faith. Chapter 6 mentions standing up for the right and standing up against the wrong. There are many arguments among Christians. We as Christians are defenders of our faith. You can pick up a spear and throw it back or learn to duck from the spear thrown at you. The feelings I have read in this book are brokenness, bitterness, and agony.

There are times in the house of worship I feel discouraged that an outreach did not turn out well as I intended to be. Also, in the house of worship I feel I disagree with how other people feel about decisions regarding planning of an outreach or church activity. Caves are mentioned in this book as a place to hide. Sometimes in my spiritual walk with God, there are some insecurities I want to hide and they keep coming out. In the ministry where I serve I function as greeter. This involves talking to others without being shy or reserved. "in those caves, drowned in the sorrow of his song."<sup>2</sup> I feel there are days I feel like David drowning in his sorrows. I drown in my weaknesses such as insecurities. Through many prayers and

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<sup>1</sup> Gene Edwards, *A Tale of three kings* (Illinois: Tyndale House Publishers, INC., 1992), 17

<sup>2</sup> Edwards, *A tale of three kings*, 30.

congregational support I feel I attained confidence to go out and be a good greeter without feeling insecure. The Spirit came on him in power and authority.<sup>3</sup> I remind myself I am a child of God. King Saul was chosen by God to serve in his kingdom. There is brokenness in my life. I can see myself as a broken vessel at times. God can use me to serve in his kingdom despite my strengths and weaknesses. I agree with most of what is said in this book. There are gentle reminders in this book that I see can help me as I serve in the kingdom of God. “As surely as the sun rises, people’s hearts will be tested.” I see that my heart is for God. There are situations in which my heart doesn’t feel right depending on the type of ministry. I say ask God to seek the Holy Spirit and God will change your motive. The motives of the heart will eventually be revealed.

God will see to it.<sup>4</sup> The spiritual expectation I see from this book is that there will always be obstacles that will prevent you from knowing God’s plan for you. It may not always be easy to hear from God. Keep praying and discerning the Holy spirit to guide you is important to follow through. This book will make an impact on future ministry as I think and pray about the messages and reminders I have read through the characters of David, King Saul, Absalom and the other characters. Brokenness prevails throughout this book. With brokenness there is spiritual wounds too. I find I am healing in spiritually and emotionally in certain areas of my life. There are times throughout my life I can see myself with a little bit of King Saul and David in me. What ever God has in store for me to serve in his kingdom, I have be assertive and not learn to have fear and insecurity. I think when I have a spear thrown at me my reaction will dodge out of the way so I won’t get hit. I will have to learn assertiveness when I am

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<sup>3</sup> Edwards, *A tale of three kings*, .40.

<sup>4</sup> Edwards *A tale of three kings*. 86.

serving in his kingdom. There are many personalities out there that are filled with brokenness and despair. I will continue to ask the Holy spirit for to help me conquer my fear and ongoing Insecurities. I can see that I can use this book as a resource for healing. I will continue to meditate on how David overcame his problems. I can see from his example and apply to my spiritual life.

With integrity, I have read this book (circle one):

Thoroughly and Entirely \_\_\_\_\_%

Quickly but Completely \_\_\_\_\_%

Thoroughly but NOT Entirely \_\_\_\_\_%

Quickly and NOT Completely \_\_\_\_\_%

Not at all

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