

Assignment Title: Tale of Three Kings

Name of Book / Gene Edwards

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### Summary

The tale of three Kings captures the life of David the anointed shepherd's boy journey from the Pasture to the Palace. The author focused on David's brokenness, the fight for his life, and his response to attacks on his life and ministry. The main points mentioned by the author spoke to David's trust in God and his willingness to forgive. Regardless of how the enemy in Saul tried to kill David and destroy his purpose, David did not retaliate. He honored God in his trials and testing, even when it came from the very one who invited him into his home and later his own son. According to the author, we can harbor Saul in our hearts and attitudes when we retaliate to Saul like spirit of destruction, hate and murder. We can choose to be like David and run, hide, and praise God, while we wait for change to come. David sang his way through his trials, and wept before the Lord, refusing to engage in open confrontation with King Saul or Absalom his son.

### Interaction and Critique

The main revelation coming out of this book in my mind, is that receiving God's call for ministry, does not mean that the enemy would not try to kill you. We would want to think that when David received the anointing for Kingship, he would just transition to the throne. I liked what the author said, "suffering was giving birth, humility is being born." (Edwards 1992) pg.32. Our battle is not against each other as believers, and the faster we can understand that the closer we will get to walking in humility. Our response to suffering will determine whether we succeed or fail in fulfilling the call of God on our lives. People will often try to persuade us to take revenge on those who did us wrong and caused us pain and suffering. I have seen church leaders try to destroy the Pastor of one of our sister churches. One brother felt that Pastor had wronged him by trying to stifle his ministry, and not releasing him in the pulpit. So that brother, went

around and visited the believers and accused pastor of all manner of evil. They believed him and when the brother left the church, they followed him. He started his own ministry and within a matter of months the ministry closed. Joab had approached David with the same talk of revenge but according to the author, David stated “I would rather he killed me, than for me to learn his ways.” (Edwards 1992) pg.36. Humility will always win, the word of God declares that “But He giveth more grace, wherefore the scripture saith, God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble.” James 4:6 ASV.

One of the things I agree with is the point made by the author that says somewhere in us there might be a Saul. At first, I disagreed, but as I thought about it, I realized that the author had a point. Unless we remain humble, we may tend to retaliate in the face of adversity and become the very thing we dislike. Every time we allow our carnal minds to take control, it can lead us to harbor hatred, jealousy, and bitterness. It is important that we learn to apply Godly principles when faced with difficult situations. It worked for David, and it can work for us, if we also learn how to put our faith and confidence in God.

This book will enhance my current performance in the ministry, because it has reminded me of key biblical principles that is useful for ministry. There is nothing I desired more than to be able to remain focus and praise God through my broken experiences. Edwards has brought out a new awakening to the challenges we may encounter in the ministry and at home. We may be living in a modern time where things have changed, but the word of God remains the same. I will use this lesson to enrich the lives of those who are ready to embrace God’s love and trust. We can learn so much from the life of King David, his story is still relevant today.

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

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

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

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

Not at all

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