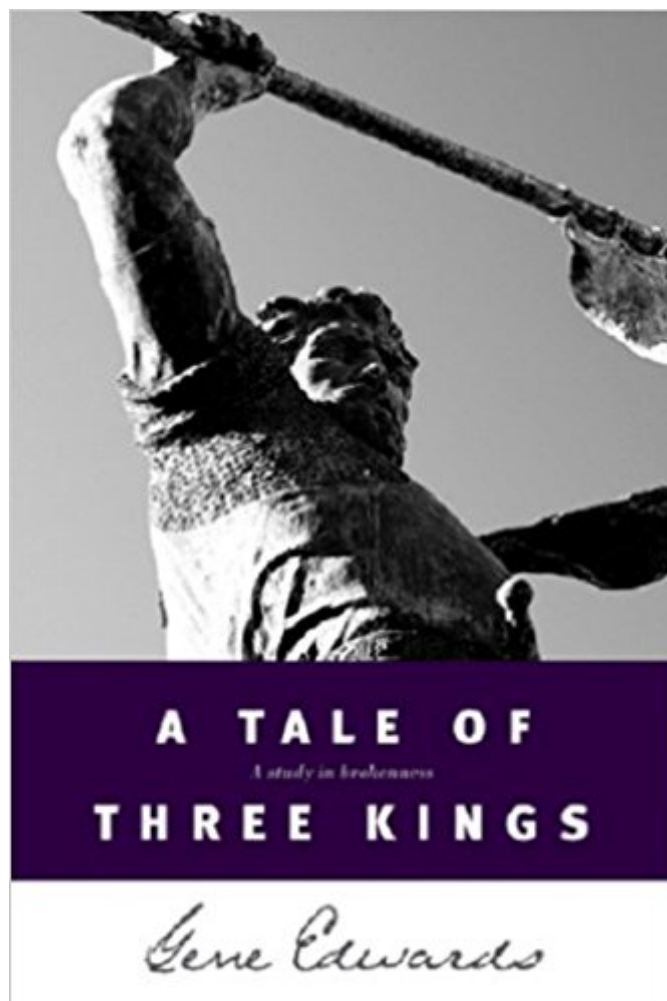


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# A Tale Of Three Kings: A Study In Brokenness



## Synopsis

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“What do you do when someone throws a spear at you?” Light, clarity, and comfort for the brokenhearted. To the many Christians who have experienced pain, loss, and heartache at the hands of other believers, this compelling tale based on the biblical figures of David, Saul, and Absalom offers comfort, healing, and hope. Christian leaders and directors of religious movements throughout the world have recommended this simple, powerful, and beautiful story to their members and staff. You will want to join the thousands who have been profoundly touched by this incomparable story.

Gene Edwards is one of America's most beloved Christian authors. He has published over twenty-five best-selling books, and his signature work, *The Divine Romance*, has been called a masterpiece of Christian literature. He has written biblical fiction covering nearly the entire Bible,

with titles that include the following: The Beginning, The Escape, The Birth, The Divine Romance, The Triumph, Revolution, The Silas Diary, The Titus Diary, The Timothy Diary, The Priscilla Diary, The Gaius Diary, and The Return.

Do you know any authoritarian leaders? David complained to the Lord that King Saul was hardly God-honoring, so why should he honor and respect this tyrant king? Sound familiar? "Why did I get fired? My boss is the jerk, not me. Lord, this isn't fair!" Gene Edwards is a master storyteller and this classic, "A Tale of Three Kings: A Study in Brokenness," unwraps the relationships between David, Saul and Absalom. His conclusions may astound you. It's a great book to mention at your weekly staff meeting. The best time to talk about God-honoring leadership and followership is when things are going well--not in the middle of a nasty termination. While I have given this book to a team member who's just been fired--it's better to make these biblical values part of your core culture from the get-go. The book will help you, and your team, ponder these questions: 1. If God puts people into leadership positions (U.S. presidents, ministry CEOs, department heads, parents, etc.), but we don't respect them as leaders, what does God think about that? 2. If the leader (appointed by God) discerns that a team member needs to be terminated, what should our response be?

I loved this book, there wasn't much that I didn't like. I love the theatrical way of speaking and presenting the story of the kings. It brought visuals that you may not catch when you read the Bible on your own discernment. I think sometimes I got confused when it would go from the tale of the kings to the angels speaking of the tale. I didn't always catch the transition. I would recommend this book to anyone of leadership or rising to leadership. I find it very very important to always view the heart of yourself and of others before making a move. And always surrendering your will to God, no matter if the result is in your perception of what is favorable to you. I think reading those book will help prevent much conflict within the church. Humility and prayer should be always evident before making decisions.

Incredibly penetrating and insightful book, delving into the condition of the human heart in relationship to authority and to others. This is one of a few "must read" books that I recommend to every Christian. It helped me through a season of transition and working under some difficult leadership.

A colleague suggested this book because many of my students are young people (late teens/early

20s), and after reading it I'm not sure why. Allegories are often lost on me, so maybe I'm the problem. But I can only wonder what else I might have done with the time I spent reading this.

This book reads like a play - may not be everyone's reading style - but the content is well worth the read. You can easily read it in a few hours. It is best read in one sitting I think, to get the whole picture. This is a book that so many people talk about, and once you read it, you will understand why. There are questions that every leader asks of themselves, and the answers may shock you. This is a worth the read if you are leading in ministry today - it may save you as a leader.

Everything that I have read written by Gene Edwards has been excellent and truly speaks deeply into our spirits. I recommend that you read every one of his books. You will NOT be disappointed!

Good book that helps understand Godly leadership as reflected in the relationship between Saul, David and Absalom. Good for seminary and bible students alike.

This is a short little book and a quick read, but highly engaging and thought provoking. Using the stories of King Saul, King David, and King Absalom, Edwards shows that we can never be certain who is a Saul and who is a David. So instead, we must not defend ourselves or attack others lest we become like Saul and Absalom. Instead, like David, we must trust God and wait for God's timing. I am not sure the concepts of this book always apply in every situation, but then again, I am not sure that I am not a Saul or Absalom either. Maybe if I were more like David, I would see things the way Gene Edwards does.

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