

1 Samuel 24:1-22 (2/23/2025)

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

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1. Can you think of a time in your life when things did not unfold as you wished or expected that they would... or perhaps as you thought they should? Would you feel comfortable sharing, with the group, a brief description of those circumstances, and how you felt?
2. As we continue to see David struggle, knowing that God has told him that he will be King of Israel, and yet waiting years for this to actually take place... can you think of (imagine) 2 or 3 explanations for why this has not yet happened? (who could David have potentially blamed?)
3. As David and his men realize that Saul has walked right into their midst, it becomes clear that the men and David have differing perspectives on who (or what) is standing between David and the Throne. Talk about these different perspectives...

4. In Verse 10, David explains to Saul what he did, and did not do. Saul likely interpreted David's words through his "self-oriented" perspective. Compare how Saul likely interpreted David in contrast to how you think David truly meant what he said...

5. Saul seems to be genuinely humbled and convicted by David's dealings with him that day. He seems to be convinced that he has nothing to fear from David, and in this solitary moment, seems resolved to no longer seek to take David's life. But in 1 Samuel 26:1-2, that resolve seems to dissolve with the pressure from others who urge him to rejoin the "hunt" for David. Discuss the contrast between how David responded to the urgings of the men with him (in the cave) and the response of Saul to the urgings of the Ziphites at Gibeah...

Consider asking the Lord to strengthen you (all of us) so that our resolve to honor the Lord will remain strong in the face of "men", rather than "dissolve" when faced with pressure... and to speak with conviction and clarity regarding our resolve.