

1 Samuel 26:1-24 (3/9/2025)

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?

READ 1 Samuel 26:1-11, 21-24

1. Have you ever resolved to stop behaving a certain way, or to stop feeling a certain way, or to stop having a certain attitude; only to turn right around and do the exact same thing? (Would you be willing to share something of this with the group?)
2. Reflecting back to **1 Samuel 24** (Saul in the Cave... David cuts-off the corner of Saul's robe)—how Saul seems to have vowed that he would no longer seek to kill David... What seems to be motivating Saul in this current attempt to find and kill David? (HINT: David seems to have an opinion about this—**Verses 17-20**)
3. Saul seems to offer an apology to David, in **Verse 21**... What do you think about this apology?

4. David seems to provide some answers for resisting the pressure to “please men”, in Verses 23 & 24...

What do we learn in **Verse 23** about how David put “the approval of men” in perspective?

What do we learn in **Verse 24** about how “the approval of God” can serve as an antidote to the need for the “approval of men”?

5. How do **Romans 5:6-8** and **1 John 4:10** speak to your heart about “the approval of God”? And how does this help you in your struggle with “needing” approval from people?