

GOD'S MAN - GOD'S TIME - GOD'S PLACE

"Responding To Your Enemy"

1 Samuel 23-24

INTRODUCTION:

1. 1 Samuel 23:1-5

2. 1 Samuel 23:6-14

a) David would now give his life to training a band of guerrilla fighters who had now grown to 600 men.

b) David did know was that Saul was pursuing him every day.

3. 1 Samuel 23:15-18

4. 1 Samuel 19-29

1) "*Engedi*" - was and is an oasis in the desert wilderness, where there were freshwater springs, waterfalls, lush vegetation, and countless caves in the rocky limestone cliffs.

5. A few things to take note of:

a) **First** - The Bible is a supernatural book.

1) *2 Timothy 3:16*

2) *2 Peter 1:20-21*

b) **Second** - The Bible is an historical book.

c) **Third** - God has a sense of humor.

I. AN AWKWARD SITUATION

1. Vs 1-2

a) Saul has 3000 men. David has 600.

2. Vs 3a

a) "*and Saul went in to relieve himself*"

3. **QUESTION:** If you knew someone was in hot pursuit of you, intending to kill you, what would you do here?

4. Vs 3b-4a

II. AN UNRELENTING TEMPTATION

1. Vs 4b

a) "Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe."

2. Vs 5

a) David was grieved in his conscience!!

THREE PRINCIPLES TO WALKING WITH GOD

A. PRINCIPLE#1 - WHEN YOU ARE WALKING WITH GOD LITTLE THINGS
WILL BOTHER YOUR CONSCIENCE

1. Vs 6 WOW!!!!

a) David knew that when it was time God would take care of Saul!!

1) Judgment and removal of Saul had to be left up to the LORD.

2. David's heart was soft!!

3. *John 16:8-11*

4. *1 Corinthians 15:33*

5. *1 Samuel 24:6*

B. PRINCIPLE #2 - WHEN YOU ARE WALKING WITH GOD - YOU WILL HAVE
CONVICTIONS

1. Vs 7

a) "*Persuaded*" - literally means to tear apart

2. Few things are more infectious than a Godly Lifestyle.

C. PRINCIPLE #3 - WHEN YOU ARE WALKING WITH GOD - YOU WILL HAVE
CONFIDENCE IN GOD

1. *Galatians 5:16-26* (Please turn there)

2. *1 Samuel 24:8*

III. A DIRECT CONVERSATION

A. STATING THE FACTS

1. Vs 9

2. David was proving to Saul that he did not want to do harm to Saul.
3. David has been wronged and now declares the truth.
4. You may not be able to change a person's mind, but you can make sure they understand the facts.
5. **Vs 9-11**
 - a) David gave Saul the truth!!!
 - 1) He didn't gripe and complain to his friends and other people. He went to Saul himself.
6. **Vs 12-13 WOW!!**

B. DESIRE RESTORATION

1. **Vs 16-19**
2. ***Proverbs 16:7***
3. However we are responsible for telling the truth.
 - a) It is impossible to change a person's mind!!!
 - b) And there are people who will die believing a lie!!
4. **Vs 20**
5. **Vs 21-22**
6. **Vs 22**
 - a) *"but David and his men went up to the stronghold."*

CONCLUSION: FOUR TAKEAWAYS TO CONSIDER

- 1) Because man is depraved expect to be mistreated.
 - 1) ***Jeremiah 17:9***
- 2) Resist the urge to retaliate.
- 3) Don't fight in the flesh.
- 4) Pray that God would free you!