

After God's Own Heart

"A Man After God's Own Heart Respects God"

April 26, 2015 – 1 Samuel 24-26

Our Sermon Series

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A 13-Week Study of the Life of David from 1 and 2 Samuel		
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A Summary of Saul's Offenses Against David:

- Saul told David he was too small and inexperienced to fight Goliath (1 Samuel 17:33)
- Saul prevented David from returning home (18:2)
- Saul raged against David out of jealousy and hurled his spear at David twice while David was ministering music to him (18:8-11)
- Saul reneged on his promise to give David his eldest daughter Merab in marriage (17:25; 18:17-19)
- Saul changed the precondition of marriage to one of his daughters from just defeating Goliath to also obtaining the foreskins of 100 Philistines (18:20-29)
- Saul attempted to kill David a third time with his spear while David ministered music to him even after swearing that he would not try to kill David anymore (19:6-10)
- Saul sent a group of assassins to David's house to try to kill him in his sleep (19:11-17)
- Saul sent a group of assassins to try to kill David when David was staying with Samuel (19:18-24)
- Saul tried to turn Jonathan (David's best friend) against David and then tried to kill Jonathan for being loyal to David (20:30-34)

- David had to flee from place to place to place like a fugitive trying to escape Saul's repeated assassination attempts on David's life (Chapters 21-30)
- Saul killed the priests who gave David hospitality in Nob (Chap 22)

Two Opportunities for David to Get Revenge on King Saul

- Opportunity #1 – In the cave at Engedi (1 Samuel 24)
- Opportunity #2 – At camp in the wilderness of Ziph (1 Samuel 26)

Three Lessons From the Man After God's Own Heart (1 Samuel 24 & 26)

1. You respect _____ when you respect _____
 - The actions and character of Saul were not worthy of respect, but his God-appointed office was.
 - David refers to Saul as "the Lord's anointed" seven times during these two incidents (24:6,6,10; 26:9,11,16,23).
 - "The Lord's anointed" refers to the fact that Saul had been anointed by God's prophet Samuel as the king of Israel (10:1). God gave this office (anointing) to Saul. David showed respect for God by showing respect for the one that God had anointed as king.
 - God calls us to do the same today with those He has placed in positions of authority.
 - **Romans 13:1-5** – *Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2 Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. 4 For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.*
 - **Application #1** – My heart is convicted (1 Samuel 24:5) that I am not treating a person in authority with the respect that God's Word calls me to. With God's help and power, I am going to show God respect by showing respect to...
 - My parents (Ephesians 6:1-3)
 - My husband (Ephesians 5:22-24)
 - My teacher at school (Hebrews 13:17)
 - My principal at school (Hebrews 13:17)
 - My boss at work (Ephesians 6:5-8)
 - Church leaders (Hebrews 13:17)

- Police officers (Romans 13:1)
- Firefighters (Romans 13:1)
- Government officials (Romans 13:1)
- The Mayor (1 Peter 2:13-17)
- The Governor (1 Peter 2:13-17)
- The President of the United States (1 Peter 2:13-17)
- The exception to this is if those in authority ever called you to do something contrary to Scripture (Acts 5:29).
- **Jim's Soapbox:** There seems to be a growing lack of respect for authority in America. I call us as Christ-followers to lead the way in showing respect for every human being, showing respect for our elders, showing respect for leaders, showing respect for those in authority, and most of all, showing respect for God. Let's restore a sense of honor!

2. You show your forgiveness when you _____

- David repeatedly forgave and gave grace to Saul despite Saul's repeated attempts to take David's life by spear, assassination attempts, and hiring entire armies to hunt him down.
- David left justice in God's hands (1 Samuel 24:12-15)
- Max Lucado: "God occupies the only seat in the Supreme Court of Heaven."
- **Romans 12:19-21** – *Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is Mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*
- There is a difference between forgiveness and trust. God calls us to forgive all of those who hurt us, but He does not necessarily call us to trust them immediately or at all (1 Samuel 26:13).
- **Application #2** – Father, because You have forgiven me of all of my sins, I choose to forgive so-n-so for doing such-n-such to me.
- All of this assumes that you have been forgiven of all of your sins. If not, then that is your next step:

Jesus, I am sorry for my sins, and I ask for Your forgiveness. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins and rising from the dead. I believe, and I receive Your forgiveness and Your eternal life. Now, make me into the new person You want me to be.

- Next immersion baptism: Sunday, May 3, at 12:30pm. To sign up contact Joy at jperozo@whatisgrace.org or 281-646-1903 x.111.
- Baptism video: "The Saving One" [1:40]
- The Rottweiler Story

3. You fulfill your destiny when you keep your _____

- Max Lucado: "David faced Saul the same way he faced Goliath – by facing God more so."
- Notice how frequently David references "the Lord" in all that he says (1 Samuel 26:19-20,22-24).
- **Application #3** – No matter what happens all around me, I will keep my eyes on the Lord and trust Him.
- YouTube Video: "A Survival Story: The Survivor Tree" [2:45]