

It's A Matter of Conscience – Facing the Giant of Getting Even 1 Samuel 24

- ü *Have you ever had a situation when you were wronged in some way and you really felt like getting even?*
 - ü *How do YOU determine when God is leading you TO do or NOT to do something?*
 - ü *God helps them who help themselves...Is this a Biblical statement?*
 - ü *In what ways has God given you clear guidance in the past?*
1. What feelings and struggles do you think David experienced in his situation with Saul?
 2. What factors might have led David to believe it was God's will for him to kill Saul? (Vs 1-4)
 3. It is easy to rely on circumstances and the advice of friends when making important decisions.
 - a. In what ways are these reliable?
 - b. In what ways are they unreliable?
 4. What additional factors convinced David that he should not harm or disrespect Saul in any way? (Vs 5-7)
 5. Why do you think that David places such importance on respecting the Lord's anointed? (1 Samuel 9:27 – 10:1)
 6. What arguments does David use to convince Saul of his innocence? (8-15)
 7. Describe how Saul responds to David's appeal (Vs 16-22)
 - a. What do David's actions force Saul to conclude about David?

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- Q What is your attitude towards those who mean you harm?
- Q Who is capable of Perfect Judgment? (Psalms 9: 4-10)
- Q Whose job is it to dispense Vengeance? (Romans 12:19)
- Q Is it easy or hard to "Be Still" and wait for God to judge and to dispense judgment to those who mean us harm? (Psalms 37:7)
 - o When we let God take care of the Judgment and Vengeance are we endorsing or enabling Sinful behavior?
- Q Is it ever right to do wrong in order to gain a greater good?
- Q As Christians, what should be our attitude towards Authority Figures in: (Romans 13: 1-5)
 - o Our Personal Life?
 - o Our Church/Spiritual Life?
 - o Our Professional Life?
 - o Our Civic Life?
- Q How can we know when to take matters into our own hands and when to leave them in God's hands? (James 1:5)
- Q David could have killed Saul and seized the throne of Israel. Instead he relied on the Lord to avenge him and establish his kingdom. Although the result would appear to be the same in both cases, how would it have been different?