

HERE WE GO AGAIN!

(1 Samuel 26)

1. We can't act on a WHIM and on feelings, but with KNOWLEDGE. (*Proverbs 2:6, 3:5-6, 9:10, 14:12-13, 15:14, 18:15, 19:2, 25:2, 28:26; Ephesians 1:17, 4:26-27; James 1:5; Matthew 7:7*)
2. We don't always have to be on the OFFENSIVE, but we don't have to run FROM DANGER either. (*Isaiah 41:10; John 16:33; Romans 8:18; James 1:2-4; Psalm 9:9-10; 1 Peter 1:6-7; Joshua 1:9; Psalm 37:1-4*)
3. Envy and jealousy makes you think everyone is out to GET YOU - and this is simply NOT true. (*Proverbs 14:30; Job 5:2; 2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:18; Hebrews 13:6; Romans 8:31; Ephesians 6:10; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; 1 Corinthians 13:7; Isaiah 8:11-13*)
4. We are not to be led by convenience, opportunity, or situational ethics, but by a higher standard of MORALITY and CONVICTION. (*Daniel 3; Esther 4:12-17; Ephesians 4:14; Philippians 1:9-11; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-8*)
5. When God asks us to do 'CRAZY' things, He will empower us and make it work! (*Philippians 2:13; Deuteronomy 31:6; 1 John 4:4; Philippians 4:13; Joshua 10:12-14; 2 Kings 6:1-6; Ephesians 2:10; Hebrews 13:21; Psalm 90:17*)
6. Engaging in corporate WORSHIP and in COMMUNITY should be important to us. (*Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19; Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35; 1 Corinthians 14:26; Acts 20:7a; Psalm 133:1-3; Proverbs 27:17; Romans 12:4-5; Galatians 6:2*)
7. We have a choice: to PLAY the FOOL or to leave matters in God's hands. (*Daniel 5:18-20; Psalm 121:1-2; 138:7; 1 Peter 5:5; Proverbs 29:1, 30:32*)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Why did David send out spies in verse 4? What correlation does that have with actions we can/should take today as followers of Christ?
3. Knowing Saul was still hunting him, David could have run the other way. Instead, he went toward Saul. In what way(s) is God currently calling you / moving you into the direction of danger, difficulty, challenge, or possible adversity? What do you think He wants to do in / through you? (Are you tempted to 'run the other way'? If so, what do you need to do?)
4. David didn't give in to the pressure to take matters into his own hands, as 'justifiable' as it may have seemed in the moment. He yielded to God's control and concluded that taking Saul's life would be sinful - wrong. In essence, David asked himself (amidst the counsel he was receiving from others) 'What would GOD say about me doing this?' Why is it SO crucial that we ask this question?
5. God caused Saul and his camp to sleep soundly and therefore be completely unaware of David's presence in their camp. In what ways have you seen God do something only God could do? Did you recognize at the time that this was God at work? What has that done for your faith journey?
6. In verse 19, David shares that he is burdened that he has been "driven out" and is unable to "share in the inheritance of the Lord." David wanted to be amongst the people of God and to freely worship Him, but he couldn't. For us today, why is Christian community and corporate worship so important?