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David & Saul

While the encounter between David and Goliath is a demonstration of David's faith, the encounter between David and Saul in the cave shows David's deep desire to follow God's plan. When Saul enters the very cave that David and his men are using to hide from him and his army, David is conflicted about what to do. We see that David's heart is set on God when, instead of taking the "opportunity" to kill Saul, David instead cuts off a piece of Saul's robe and feels convicted for doing even that. David chooses to trust in God's plan and the fact that He had anointed Saul as king rather than accelerate his own kingdom by taking matters into his own hands.

Questions:

1. In what areas of your life do you find yourself in the position of power over others? Have you ever justified your reason for asserting your power over someone? Was your reasoning God centered or self-centered?
2. When you want things to go your way have you ever tried to claim it is a "God thing"? When things don't go the way you want, do you find yourself blaming God or obeying and trusting God?
3. Both David and Saul were chosen by God and anointed as king. David chooses to obey God faithfully, while Saul has hardened his heart to God. Can you describe a time when you wanted to do one thing but chose a different path because you felt like it was God's will? How about an example of ignoring God's will and doing what you wanted to do? How did those situations turn out?
4. What role can community play in helping you determine God's plan for your life? How can community help you choose to follow rather than ignore that plan?