

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 25
1 Samuel 27 – 2 Samuel 10, Luke 23:25 - 24

1st Samuel 27: Does David serve Achish?

Key Point:

Even the very best of us can fall into a backsliding situation, which God may allow for a time in order to eventually bring us to our senses.

Key Verse - 1st Samuel 27:4 (NLT)

Word soon reached Saul that David had fled to Gath, so he stopped hunting for him.

1st Samuel 28: The witch of En-dor

Key Point:

When God is silent in our lives the solution is repentance and humility, not seeking after the occult or abandoning the truth.

Key Verse - 1st Samuel 28:7 (NLT)

Saul then said to his advisers, "Find a woman who is a medium, so I can go and ask her what to do." His advisers replied, "There is a medium at Endor."

1st Samuel 29: Achish dismisses David

Key Point:

God sometimes brings us to our senses by allowing our plans to end in frustration.

Key Verse - 1st Samuel 29:9 (NLT)

But Achish insisted, "As far as I'm concerned, you're as perfect as an angel of God. But the Philistine commanders are afraid to have you with them in the battle."

1st Samuel 30: David rescues his people

Key Point:

Even when God allows our foolishness to play out into a frustrating situation, He is willing to strengthen and lead us if we will turn back to Him.

Key Verse - 1st Samuel 30:18 (NLT)

David got back everything the Amalekites had taken, and he rescued his two wives.

1st Samuel 31: Saul and Jonathan are fallen

Key Point:

It is a tragic end that anyone faces who will not humble themselves before the Lord during their life.

Key Verse - 1st Samuel 31:6 (NLT)

So Saul, his three sons, his armor bearer, and his troops all died together that same day.

2nd Samuel 1: David kills the messenger**Key Point:**

Lying to try and get favor for yourself can seriously backfire – it is always best to either tell the truth or say nothing if it is unwise to speak.

Key Verse - 2nd Samuel 1:14 (NLT)

“Why were you not afraid to kill the Lord’s anointed one?” David asked.

2nd Samuel 2: Civil war of Ish-Bosheth**Key Point:**

Standing against what you know if God’s will is only going to end in tragedy.

Key Verse -2nd Samuel 2:10 (NLT)

Ishbosheth, Saul’s son, was forty years old when he became king, and he ruled from Mahanaim for two years. Meanwhile, the people of Judah remained loyal to David.

2nd Samuel 3: Abner’s defection and murder**Key Point:**

Life is messy and full of twists, turns and unexpected drama so we must learn to lean on the Lord in everything we do.

Key Verse - 2nd Samuel 3:28 (NLT)

When David heard about it, he declared, “I vow by the Lord that I and my kingdom are forever innocent of this crime against Abner son of Ner.

2nd Samuel 4: Is-Bosheth murdered**Key Point:**

We should not celebrate the downfall of our adversaries, especially when that fall is dishonorable, but we should instead insist on doing what is right.

Key Verse - 2nd Samuel 4:12 (NLT)

So David ordered his young men to kill them, and they did. They cut off their hands and feet and hung their bodies beside the pool in Hebron. Then they took Ishbosheth's head and buried it in Abner's tomb in Hebron.

2nd Samuel 5: David made king**Key Point:**

When we seek the Lord and acknowledge that our success in life comes from him, then we can experience blessing.

Key Verse - 2nd Samuel 5:4 (NLT)

David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in all.

2nd Samuel 6: David brings the ark**Key Point:**

Good intentions are not enough – God cares about our intentions AND our actions and the two need to match.

Key Verse: 2nd Samuel 6:16 (NLT)

But as the Ark of the Lord entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she was filled with contempt for him.

2nd Samuel 7: David's humility**Key Point:**

While it is sweet of us to want to do what we think God needs, He doesn't need our help (but we need His), so our responsibility is to simply obey God's lead and let Him lead our house.

Key Verse: 2nd Samuel 7:17 (NLT)

So Nathan went back to David and told him everything the Lord had said in this vision.

2nd Samuel 8: David's victories**Key Point:**

Even when God blesses your efforts it is important to make wise, strategic decisions and recognize you should not expect yourself to do everything – you need key, trustworthy people to walk with you in life.

Key Verse: 2nd Samuel 8:15 (NLT)

So David reigned over all Israel and did what was just and right for all his people.

2nd Samuel 9: Mephibosheth**Key Point:**

It is Godly and wise to show compassion, even for those who once opposed you regardless of how they respond to you.

Key Verse: 2nd Samuel 9:13 (NLT)

And Mephibosheth, who was crippled in both feet, lived in Jerusalem and ate regularly at the king's table.

2nd Samuel 10: Hanun's Mistake**Key Point:**

Pride and inconsideration will always backfire.

Key Verse: 2nd Samuel 10:13 (NLT)

When Joab and his troops attacked, the Arameans began to run away.

Luke 23: Faith Alone**Key Point:**

People determined to act in their own self-interest will usually press forward no matter what logical or reasonable evidence is given to them that they should change direction – don't fall into this trap.

Key Verse: Luke 23:43 (NLT)

And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 24: Rez Body**Key Point:**

The resurrection of Jesus is well established by historical facts but sometimes people can be blind to what is painfully obvious – our job is to explain from the Scriptures who Jesus is and what His words mean.

Key Verse: Luke 24:39 (NLT)

Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do."