

Wednesday Night, Survey Service: Week 24

1 Samuel 16 - 26, Luke 21:25 – 23:25

1st Samuel 16: David has the right heart

Key Point:

God is not swayed by outer appearance but looks at the condition of the heart. Even the supposedly least significant person can choose to have the greatest heart.

Key Verse: 1st Samuel 16:7 (NLT)

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1st Samuel 17: David and Goliath

Key Point:

When we are more interested in God's honor than how awful our situation appears to be, God is willing to work through us in amazing ways.

Key Verse - 1st Samuel 17:50 (NLT)

So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword.

1st Samuel 18: David marries Michal

Key Point:

Jealousy and envy will corrupt the heart so no matter how God blesses someone else we must resist these feelings and give glory to God for someone else's success.

Key Verse - 1st Samuel 18:28 (NLT)

When Saul realized that the Lord was with David and how much his daughter Michal loved him,

1st Samuel 19: Michal helps David escape

Key Point:

God may allow a number of things to come into our lives that SHOULD course-correct us, but if we hold onto jealousy, envy, and self-centered ambition we will miss what God is doing and not get course-corrected.

Key Verse - 1st Samuel 19:12 (NLT)

So she helped him climb out through a window, and he fled and escaped.

1st Samuel 20: Jon and David's covenant**Key Point:**

Do not be deceived by a person's position or power. If a person is irrational and refuses to turn away from that irrationality, then be prepared to set a boundary with that person no matter what the emotional cost.

Key Verse - 1st Samuel 20:17 (NLT)

And Jonathan made David reaffirm his vow of friendship again, for Jonathan loved David as he loved himself.

1st Samuel 21: David eats consecrated bread**Key Point:**

There are higher and lower principles in God's law. Choosing the higher law (preservation of life) over the lower (who can eat consecrated bread) is not a sin but rather a precedent.

Key Verse - 1st Samuel 21:6 (NLT)

Since there was no other food available, the priest gave him the holy bread—the Bread of the Presence that was placed before the Lord in the Tabernacle. It had just been replaced that day with fresh bread.

1st Samuel 22: Saul kills the priests of Nob**Key Point:**

We are what we are becoming – so if you choose disobedience to God you will become increasingly disobedient even to the point of extremes.

Key Verse - 1st Samuel 22:16 (NLT)

“You will surely die, Ahimelech, along with your entire family!” the king shouted.

1st Samuel 23: Saul searches, David escapes**Key Point:**

Put your trust in God to do the right thing because even the people you help may one day betray you to pursue their own self-interests. Do what is right because it is right in God's eyes.

Key Verse - 1st Samuel 23:28 (NLT)

So Saul quit chasing David and returned to fight the Philistines. Ever since that time, the place where David was camped has been called the Rock of Escape.

1st Samuel 24: Saul’s robe

Key Point:

Sometimes people with a track record will make a show of repentance but it is often wise to keep your distance because multiple changes of heart are likely to lead to yet more changes of heart.

Key Verse - 1st Samuel 24:7 (NLT)

So David restrained his men and did not let them kill Saul.

1st Samuel 25: Abigail

Key Point:

Reacting in anger, without giving a matter careful consideration, always leads to conflict but careful, calm consideration can smooth things over. In the end, God will bring about justice.

Key Verse - 1st Samuel 25:40 (NLT)

When the messengers arrived at Carmel, they told Abigail, “David has sent us to take you back to marry him.”

1st Samuel 26: Saul’s spear

Key Point:

Human beings tend to repeat the same cycles. It is only loyalty to God, and His transforming power in our lives, that keeps us from sin.

Key Verse: 1st Samuel 26:22 (NLT)

“Here is your spear, O king,” David replied. “Let one of your young men come over and get it.”

Luke 21: Sudden End**Key Point:**

We can all give because if we give from the heart the poorest can be every bit as blessed as the richest - God sees the heart and the generosity of the heart pleases Him.

Key Verse: Luke 21:34 (NLT)

“Watch out! Don’t let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don’t let that day catch you unaware,

Luke 22: Final Feast & The Great I Am**Key Point:**

We are all responsible for our own choices, even though Satan may capitalize on our rebellion and openness to letting him into our lives.

Key Verse: Luke 22:70 (NLT)

They all shouted, “So, are you claiming to be the Son of God?” And he replied, “You say that I am.”

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.”