

Reflecting on 1 Samuel 27 – 2 Samuel 1:27 (Part 1)
March 1, 2020

Introduction: This message follows the life of David during the final period of Saul's kingship. Throughout this period, David continues to exhibit an upright and godly character. We draw three principles from his example:

1. Godly Character is remaining faithful to God and his principles even when no one is around who would care if you did otherwise.
2. Godly Character is treating others with equality and fairness, even the people who have 'less' to offer you.
3. Godly Character is not gloating at the downfall of another, but showing loyalty and kindness.

The **Big Idea** of the passage is: *Godly character is showing the characteristics of God to others in every circumstance.*

Questions to Discuss:

1. What part of the sermon impacted you the most? How can you apply the truth you heard from God's Word this week?

2. Describe briefly how David treats the Philistines, especially Achish, while he is in Philistia. Why is this important for the author to point out leading up to the time David became king of Israel?

3. We draw our first principle on Godly Character (see above) from the time that David was in Philistia. Why is it more challenging to live for God when the people around you don't?

4. Is the way person acts with no one around a more accurate picture of his/her character than how they act when other believers are around? Discuss this with your group.

5. Read **1 Samuel 30**. Write a brief narrative recounting the story from this chapter.

6. Why do some of the men not continue with David to complete the rescue? After the rescue, what do some of the men say about the men who stay back? How does David respond to this conversation?

7. How should the godly characteristic of showing fairness and equity show up in the church today? What might happen if these characteristics are absent from a local body of believers?

8. When Saul dies, David publicly and privately mourns for Saul and Jonathan (See 2 Samuel 1). What does his response teach us about godly character?