



1 Samuel Pursuing the Heart of God

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David Spares Saul’s Life Again

I Samuel 26:1-25

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Theme: David has yet another opportunity to take Saul’s life. He resists the temptation to force the issue and does what’s right, waiting for God’s timing. He pleads his case before Saul and looks to God for vindication. David’s innocence is demonstrated once again while Saul’s actions, even his apparent repentance, continue to show his decline as Israel’s leader.

Outline

1. Saul’s Advanced Depravity (26:1-5)
 - A. His Obsession to Capture and Kill David (Vv. 1, 2)

 - B. The Spies and Encampment (Vv. 3-5)

2. David's Daring Plan (26:6-12)
 - A. Recruitment and Stealth (Vv. 6, 7)

 - B. Has God Delivered Saul to David? (Vv. 8-9)

 - C. David's Growth in Grace (Vv. 10-12)

3. David's Boldness (26:13-20)
 - A. David Calls Out Abner and Troops (Vv. 13-16)

 - B. David Pleads His Case (Vv. 17-20)

4. David's Wisdom (26:21-25)
 - A. Saul's Confession (V. 21)

 - B. David's Wise Response (Vv. 22-24)

 - C. Saul's Last Words to David (V. 25)

Takeaway: Following Christ means doing what is right, even if it may seem to our disadvantage from a human perspective. We must entrust ourselves to our God and look to Him for protection, provision and vindication.

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David Among the Philistines
1 Samuel 27:1-28:2