

KING DAVID — ♦ — ♦ — ♦ — AND HIS KING



The long way 'round– 1 Samuel 24
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In 1 Samuel 24, Saul is hunting David, panicked and fearful of losing his power. And we then see David who trusts that God will be faithful to his promise to make him king.

As Saul is hunting for David with his best troops, David and his few men hide in a cave. Saul enters that same cave to relieve himself giving David the chance to kill him and become king. But even though his men urge him to do so, David doesn't. Instead, he cuts off the corner of Saul's robe. He then follows Saul outside, shows him the piece of fabric and tells him that he means no harm. Saul, convicted of his evil heart, leaves David.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- Think of David's situation. What does it show about his heart? Where does his hope lie? Whom does he trust? How might David's action relate to your life?
- Read John 17:1-5. What is the disposition of heart that David and Jesus have in common here?
- Think of a point in your life where you felt tempted to take the timings of your life into your own hands. How does it change things to see that Jesus awaited all things from God? Think not only of his life's example but also of the saving work of Jesus' life for us.