

"Defining Moments" 1 Samuel 24:3-7, 16-20 (ESV)

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A moment in time that demands a decision.

Defining Moments = Demands a decision, and no matter what decision you make, you'll never be the same.

1 Samuel 24:3-7, 16-20

³And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. ⁴And the men of David said to him, "Here is the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.'" Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe. ⁵And afterward David's heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe. ⁶He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the LORD's anointed." ⁷So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.

¹⁶As soon as David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. ¹⁷He said to David, "You are more righteous than I, for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil. ¹⁸And you have declared this day how you have dealt well with me, in that you did not kill me when the Lord put me into your hands. ¹⁹For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away safe? So may the Lord reward you with good for what you have done to me this day. ²⁰And now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

Defining Moments:

1. May Take Us to Unexpected Places. (1 Samuel 24:3)

2. Integrity will be tested. (1 Samuel 24:4-7)
 - a. Romans 12:21
 - b. 1 Samuel 22:1-2
 - i. Dunamis
 - ii. Exousia

3. Patience will be Rewarded. (1 Samuel 24:16-20)
Psalm 40:1