

## 1 Samuel 26:1-25

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1. David in Saul's Camp. (1 Samuel 26:1-12)
  - A. Saul, along with a \_\_\_\_\_ contingent of troops, travel to David's location.
  - B. David \_\_\_\_\_ Saul's encampment with Abishai.
  - C. David took Saul's \_\_\_\_\_ and a water jug.
2. David and Saul's last conversation. (1 Samuel 26:13-25)
  - A. David chided \_\_\_\_\_ for his failure to protect the king.
  - B. David confronted Saul with the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of his pursuit.
  - C. Saul admitted his \_\_\_\_\_ and blessed David.
  - D. David returned Saul's \_\_\_\_\_ to him.

### Discussion Questions

1. In 1 Samuel 26, we see a second opportunity for David to kill King Saul but he chooses not to. What motivates David's decision, and what does this reveal about his character and values?
2. How does King Saul's reaction to David's mercy in 1 Samuel 26 compare to his previous interactions with David? What might this say about Saul's character and his understanding of God's will?
3. The passage emphasizes the idea of God as the ultimate judge and avenger of wrongs. How does this concept play out in the narrative, and what can we learn from it about the biblical understanding of justice and vengeance?
4. In 1 Samuel 26, Abner, Saul's commander, is portrayed as failing in his duty to protect the king. What might be the reasons for his inaction, and what does this say about his loyalty and leadership abilities?
5. What insights can we gain from David's approach to conflict resolution?
6. What lessons can we draw from this biblical account about forgiveness and reconciliation in our relationships?
7. What does this episode teach us about the idea of God's providence and sovereignty in our own lives?