

SECOND DAY: Read 1 Samuel 24:1-22

1. Previously, we observed the conflict between David and Saul, which resulted in Saul's pursuit of David into the Judean wilderness. In 1 Samuel 23:27-29, Saul's attention was temporarily diverted toward the attacking Philistines. According to 1 Samuel 24:1-2, what *happened* after this?

2. Comment on the ironic events of 1 Samuel 24:3.

3. What did the *men of David* conclude about this turn of events? 1 Samuel 24:4a
 - a. Why do you think their point would be so convincing?

 - b. What did David do? 1 Samuel 24:4b

4. According to 1 Samuel 24:5-7, what *happened afterward*?
 - a. What do you learn about David through this?
 - (1) What do you learn personally from David through this?

5. From 1 Samuel 24:8-15 choose a few phrases and comment on what they reveal about David's heart during this conflict.

6. What do you think about Saul's response to David? 1 Samuel 24:16-20

7. What did Saul ask of David? 1 Samuel 24:21
 - a. How did David respond? 1 Samuel 24:22a
 - (1) What does this demonstrate about David?

 - (2) In what way can you follow David's example? See Luke 6:27-28.

THIRD DAY: Read 1 Samuel 26:1-25

1. Use 1 Samuel 26:1 to record what took place.
 - a. Link this incident with 1 Samuel 23:19-20. What do you see?
 - (1) What is your opinion of the Ziphites?
2. Encapsulate the events of 1 Samuel 26:2-7.
3. What did Abishai declare to David in 1 Samuel 26:8?
 - a. Cite the three things David declared God could do. 1 Samuel 26:10
 - (1) What did David's words reflect about his faith? 1 Samuel 26:9-11
 - (2) How does this encourage you?
4. According to 1 Samuel 26:12a, what did David and Abishai do?
 - a. Comment on why *the men were all asleep*. 1 Samuel 26:12b
5. Using 1 Samuel 26:13-21 answer the following questions:
 - a. Who should have been guarding the king? 1 Samuel 26:15
 - (1) Why did he *deserve to die*? 1 Samuel 26:16
 - b. In your own words, write the defense David made before Saul. 1 Samuel 26:18-20
 - c. Record Saul's confession in 1 Samuel 26:21.
6. From 1 Samuel 26:23 capture the essence of David's answer.
 - a. Remark on David's declaration in 1 Samuel 26:24.
 - (1) Where did David find his value?
 - (2) Consider your value according to 1 Peter 1:18-19. How does this truth speak to you?

FOURTH DAY: Read 1 Samuel 27:1-12

1. According to 1 Samuel 27:1, what did David say *in his heart*?
 - a. Contrast this reasoning with David's words in 1 Samuel 24:15; 26:23-24. What do you see?
 - (1) Why do you think David felt this way?

2. What happened in 1 Samuel 27:2-4?
 - a. Recall David's previous encounter with Achish in 1 Samuel 21:10-15. Record your observations.

3. Describe David's digression from 1 Samuel 27:7-12.
 - a. What questionable behavior do you see in David?
 - b. Use 1 Samuel 27:1 to explain David's behavior.

4. David was on the verge of despair at this time in his life. Choose an event from David's life that corresponds with the descriptions below from 2 Corinthians 4:8-9:
 - a. *Hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed*
 - b. *Perplexed, but not in despair*
 - c. *Persecuted, but not forsaken*
 - d. *Struck down, but not destroyed*

5. If you were with David at this time, what encouragement would you offer him?

FIFTH DAY: Read 1 Samuel 30:1-25

1. Describe the scene of 1 Samuel 30:1-5.

2. Why was David *greatly distressed*? 1 Samuel 30:6a
 - a. In spite of this, what did David do? 1 Samuel 30:6b
 - (1) How do you think he did this?
 - (2) Why was this a wise thing to do?

3. According to 1 Samuel 30:7-8, what did David do?
 - a. Compare this with 1 Samuel 23:9-12 and share your thoughts.

4. From 1 Samuel 30:9-20 briefly summarize the battle.

5. What happened when David returned to the men *who had been so weary that they could not follow David*? 1 Samuel 30:21-22
 - a. What was David's reply to the *wicked and worthless men*? 1 Samuel 30:23
 - (3) Remark on David's perspective of the victory.
 - (4) Link David's compassion for the weary with Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28-30. What do you see?

6. From 1 Samuel 30:24-25 record the *statute* that David set forth.
 - a. How does this *statute* minister to you?

