



Order of Worship September 29, 2024 Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song Prayer

We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: Being Human: The Story of David Sermon: "Part 4: Taking the Lead "

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Doxology Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen



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Doggy Bag-

Some questions to chew on:



- 1. What stood out to you the most from this story and message? Was anything new or challenging?
- 2. Why is it so surprising David did not kill Saul in the cave? What do you think was running through his mind?
- 3. Why is it important to remember that getting even makes us even with someone we don't even like? How are Jesusfollowers called to behave differently?
- 4. David's men either mis-remember or twist God's words to justify taking Saul's life. When have you been guilty of this? How can we keep ourselves from intentionally or unintentionally twisting God's words? Why must we be discerning when someone uses scripture to justify a certain agenda or action?
- 5. It's been said that until you return good for evil, the person that has mistreated you controls you. Why do you think that is the case?
- 6. How do David's actions reflect how God acts toward you? How does David point to your need for a different King than the world provides?
- 7. What story do you want to tell later about this period in your life? How can that question help shape your actions and responses?

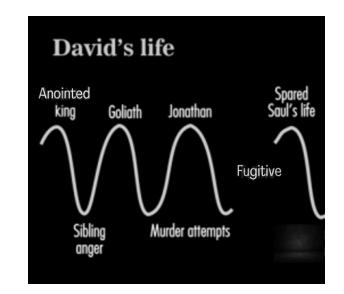


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Being Human: The Story of David "Part 4: Taking the Lead" Pastor Kris Beckert

A Part of Being Human: Feeling a need to _____

The Problem: _____



I. David as a Fugitive

- King Saul sees David as a _____
- Runs from Saul for _____ years
- David is not alone

1 Samuel 22:2 All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around [David], and he became their commander. About four hundred men were with him.

II. David's Cave Encounter with Saul

1 Samuel 24:1-7 When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the wilderness of En-gedi." ² Then Saul took

three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to look for David and his men in the direction of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. ³ He came to the sheepfolds beside the road, 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. ⁴ The men of David said to him, "Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you.' " Then David went and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's cloak. ⁵ Afterward David was stricken to the heart because he had cut off a corner of Saul's cloak. ⁶ He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to raise my hand against him, for he is the Lord's anointed." ⁷ So David rebuked his men severely and did not permit them to attack Saul. Then Saul got up and left the cave and went on his way.

III. Three Lessons from David's Cave Encounter:

#1. Getting even makes you _____

#2. Listen to _____

- David's men were quoting ______ to justify killing Saul, but it was taken out of context
- In 1 Samuel 25, Abigail comes to _____ and stops him from doing something he'd regret
- Godly voices speak _____ not destruction
- Godly voices speak _____ not death

1 Samuel 24:8-13 Afterward David also rose up and went out of the cave and called after Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the ground and did obeisance. ⁹ David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of those who say, 'David seeks to do you harm'? ¹⁰ This very day your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you into my hand in the cave, and some urged me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, 'I will not raise my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's anointed.' ¹¹ See, my father, see the corner of your cloak in my hand, for by the fact that I cut off the corner of your cloak and did not kill you, you may know for certain that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I

have not sinned against you, though you are hunting me to take my life. ¹² May the Lord judge between me and you! May the Lord avenge me on you, but my hand shall not be against you. ¹³ As the ancient proverb says, 'Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness,' but my hand shall not be against you."

#3. Trust in God's _____, God's _____, in God's _____,

1 Samuel 24:14-15 "...Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A single flea? ¹⁵ May the Lord, therefore, be judge and give sentence between me and you. May he see to it and plead my cause and vindicate me against you."

IV. A Question for Our Cave Encounters:

What _____ do you want to tell when this is nothing but a _____ you tell?

- Doing evil for good = _____
- Doing evil for evil = _____
- Doing good for evil = _____

1 Peter 3:9. Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.

Big Idea: