

ROUND THREE: IN THE ENTRENCHMENT 1 SAM. 26

Saul is back to chasing David and God now gives David an opportunity to take matters into his own hands.

What do we find?

I. David holding on...to David!

With age, I see this issue / idea / concept as even more important:

- **Saul keeps coming (or another person like Saul) after David!**
- **The Ziphites are always stirring things up.**
- **Saul will need to sleep.**
- **God will give you an opportunity of some kind!**
- **A friend / friends will certainly justify all this with God-talk**

1 Samuel 23:19 Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* on the south of Jeshimon?

1 Samuel 26:1 And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, *which is* before Jeshimon?

1 Samuel 26:2 Then Saul **arose**, and **went down** to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. **1 Samuel 26:3** And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. **1 Samuel 26:4** David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed.

1 Samuel 26:5 And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay **in the trench**, and the people pitched round about him.

1 Samuel 26:6 Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, **Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp?** And Abishai said, I will go down with thee. **1 Samuel 26:7** So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him.

1 Samuel 26:8 Then said Abishai to David, **God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him**, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time.

1 Samuel 26:12 So David took the **spear** and the **cruse** of water from Saul's bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw *it*, nor knew *it*, neither awaked: for they *were* all asleep; **because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.**

1 Samuel 26:9 And **David said** to Abishai, **Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD'S anointed, and be guiltless?**

1 Samuel 26:11 **The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD'S anointed:** but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that *is* at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

1 Samuel 26:23 The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for the LORD delivered thee into *my* hand to day, **but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD'S anointed.**

1 Samuel 26:24 And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, **so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.**

1 Samuel 24:6 And he said unto his men, **The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he *is* the anointed of the LORD.**

1 Samuel 24:10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and *some* bade *me* kill thee: **but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he *is* the LORD'S anointed.**

In the midst of conflict:

- **The first thing to get lost is you.**

- Your convictions go!
- Your beliefs go!
- Your temperament goes!
- Your ministry suffers / stops!
- Your focus changes from the Lord to I'm right / r

II. David letting go...of Saul!

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Deuteronomy 32:35 To me *belongeth vengeance, and recompence*; their foot shall slide in *due* time: for the day of their calamity *is* at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

Romans 12:17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.Romans 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, *Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord....Romans 12:21* Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Thoughts:

- I have been wronged.
- I want justice (remember Josh Kerr!)
- I want everyone to know I've been wronged & I am innocent.
- I want everyone on my side.
- I want to be vindicated.
- And I want it now.
- Preferably by my own hands

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1 Samuel 25:38 And it came to pass about ten days *after*, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died.

III. David moving on...with his life!

1 Samuel 26:25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed *be* thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great *things*, and also shalt still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

1 Samuel 24:22 And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

1 Samuel 26:21 Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.1 Samuel 26:22 And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.

Forgiveness takes 2 people: you and God

Reconciliation takes 3 people: you, God and the other person