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My refuge & shield

Journey with Jesus: Mark 13:28-14:65
June 26, 2016 - Pastor Bruce French

How does God protect us?

1. God protects us through _____ . 1 Sam. 19:1-7

2. God protects us through _____ . 1 Sam. 19:8-17

3. God protects us through _____ .

1 Sam. 19:18-24

Take Home Truth

God's love is the _____ of His

_____ .

Today's Core Practice:

Joy: "I have inner contentment and joy in spite of my circumstances. (from John 15:11)

Today's Action:

What fears do you have? Are there times when you doubt God's protection? Review these 3 ways that God protects His children and journal the ways he has done that for you.



Deeper Connection Study

Once again, Saul's hatred toward David hits new lows while the friendship between Jonathan and David is strengthened. Things are getting crazy in the king's court as Saul seeks various ways to destroy David. God cares for those he calls and this is seen in the way he protects David from the schemes of Saul.

Today's Core Virtue discussed: Peace.

Read 1 Samuel 19

1. This chapter has four sections that depict four times David was delivered from Saul (vv. 1-7; 8-10; 11-17; 18-24). For each section: *How was David threatened? How was David delivered?*
2. How did Jonathan intercede on David's behalf (vv. 1-7)? How does Saul respond?
3. In what ways do Michal's actions resemble those of Rachel (vv. 11-17; cf. Gen. 31:19, 34-35)?
4. What is your reaction to the fact that there were *teraphim* [idols] in David's house? How do you reconcile this with the knowledge of David's character and loyalty to God? Does it really matter? Why or why not?
5. Psalm 59 reflects on the event described in I Samuel 19:11-17. What does David say about God and his enemies? What kind of emotions does he express in this song that stem from his experience?
6. How aware are you of God's protection? How has he delivered you from enemies or difficult circumstances? How is this an act of sovereign grace?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Thank God for his protection and grace. Pray for endurance during difficult trials and for God to give you peace in his presence.



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1 SAMUEL 19:1-24

Do you ever get scared as you watch the news and hear about the threats to yourself and those you love? It is evident that the presence of murder, violence and bodily harm are no longer something that happens in the inner city or some distant land. No, it happens in our schools, our workplaces and even in our churches.

So when we hear of things happening to our fellow believers, what are we to conclude? Are we to assume that God does not care? Are we to perceive that He is not protecting and caring for His children? Or are we to conclude that the world has reached a point that it is so bad that nothing can be done and God is just going to let it run down to a fiery end?

It is quite possible that David felt like that when Saul continued to slander his name and threaten his life. In this part of the narrative the author informs us that Saul enlisted all of his resources in order to bring about David's demise. However, Saul failed to consider a God who is a refuge and a shield for His children!

