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A Deadly Foe!

Journey with Jesus: Luke 7:36-9:6
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What actions does a person who has forgiven take?

1. A person who has forgiven remains _____
to the _____. 1 Sam. 24:1-7

a) In your hurt, choose to _____
God's _____. 1 Sam. 24:6

2. A person who has forgiven refuses to _____
his own _____. 1 Sam. 24:8-15

a) In your hurt, choose to _____
God's _____. 1 Sam. 24:15

3. A person who has forgiven leaves the _____
_____. 1 Sam. 24:16-22

a) In your hurt, choose to _____
your _____. 1 Sam. 24:22

Take Home Truth

_____ is found in _____.

Today's Core Virtue:

Forgiveness: "I choose to forgive others and work towards reconciliation."
(from Colossians 3:13)

Today's Action:

Is there anyone who has hurt you that you need to forgive? What steps will you take to accomplish that and be freed from the burden?

hand in
hand
verse by
verse

Deeper Connection Study

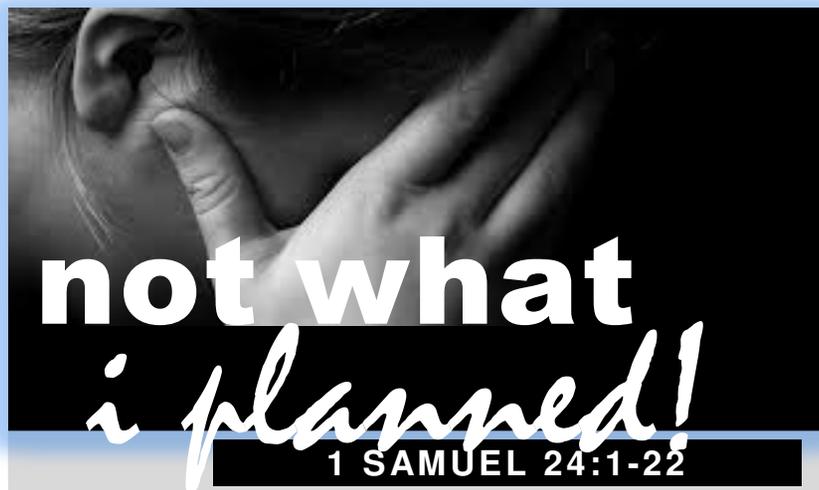
When Saul hears that David is now in En Gedi, he mobilizes a large force to finally catch him. The situation, though, turns somewhat comical as Saul is caught unawares by the one he is pursuing. The timing is awkward to say the least.

Today's Core Virtue discussed: Faith

Read 1 Samuel 24

1. When David is given an opportunity to defeat his enemy, Saul, what does he do (vv. 1-7)? Why (vv. 11-13)?
2. In what ways is the temptation to retaliate strong among people? What *should* our response be when tempted to “even the score” (cf. Mt. 5:44; Rom. 12:17, 19)? How are you *honestly* doing in this area?
3. Why is David “conscience-stricken” (vv. 5-6)? How does David show submission to Saul (v. 8)? How does he argue his loyalty to Saul (vv. 9-15)?
4. How does Saul respond to David’s words (vv. 16-20)? What does Saul mention about his kingdom and his own fate (v. 20; cf. 13:14; 15:26; 18:8-9; 20:31)?
5. In light of this, what promise does Saul request from David (v. 21)? Why is this significant?
6. What is your attitude and actions toward an authority figure that makes life difficult? How are submission and respect hard for you under such circumstances? How can you glorify God in the midst of this?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for his protection and care. Pray for wisdom in your dealings with difficult people and ask God to help you avoid vengeance.



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1 SAMUEL 24:1-22

In this saga that involves the conflict between David and King Saul, because God is the hero of the story, it was inevitable that the subject of forgiveness would surface. Consider the amount of hurt that Saul has heaped upon David. First Saul attempted to murder David by throwing a spear at him, not just once, but twice. Next, he promised his oldest daughter Merab in marriage to David, only to give her to another man. Then after he allowed David to marry his daughter Michal he split them up when he sent soldiers to capture David. Then, of course, there was David’s separation from his dear friend Jonathan because of Saul’s threats, not to mention the murder of 85 innocent priests because David asked the head priest for assistance. Couple all of that with the fact that David has been on the run for months because Saul is bent on taking David’s life.

When recounting this great injustice, two questions come to mind: first, “Why would David forgive Saul?” and second, “How could David forgive him?” As you might suspect, these questions are relevant to you!