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Ticked Off - part 2

Journey with Jesus: Luke 10:21-12:12
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What does God do when he opens a door of escape?

1. When God opens a door of escape he makes his

_____. 1 Samuel 25:32-35

a) _____ to wise _____. 25:33

2. When God opens a door of escape he reveals his

_____. 1 Samuel 25:36-38

a) _____ for inevitable _____.

25:38

3. When God opens a door of escape he exposes his

_____. 1 Samuel 25:39-44

a) _____ God's life-sustaining

_____. 25:39

Take Home Truth

God's _____ is a compass that points

to _____.

Today's Core Virtue:

Self-control: "I exercise the power, through Christ, to control myself."

(from 1 Thessalonians 5:6)

Today's Action:

Is there a temptation that you are facing today? How do these points apply to you, and what is your door of escape. Seek godly counsel and then step through that door!

hand in hand



verse by verse

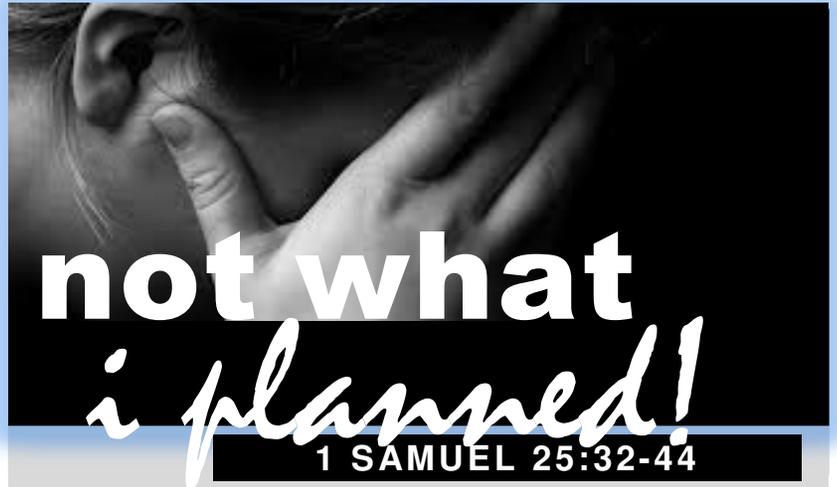
Deeper Connection Study

David responds to the wisdom of Abigail as something given to him at just the right moment by God. He gets the opportunity to see God work in his circumstances rather than force his own way and make matters worse. *Today's Core Virtue discussed: Self-Control.*

Read 1 Samuel 25:32-44

1. How did Abigail prevent David from becoming like Saul (vv. 31-34)? What was David's reaction to Abigail's gift (v. 35)?
2. How have you encountered a major decision that could possibly have dire consequences? What is your experience with the tension between emotions and logic in the process of making tough decisions?
3. In what ways have you learned to practice patience and restraint? How does God help you demonstrate self-control in dealing with difficult people or situations?
4. What eventually happened to Nabal (vv. 36-38)? How did David respond to this news and acknowledge God's work of vindication (v. 39)?
5. Why does the author mention David's marriage to Abigail as well as other marital relationships (vv. 40-44)? How might these have political implications? What's your reaction to his multiple marriages?
6. What have you learned about the three key themes presented in 1 Samuel 25?
 - a. Wisdom in Crisis (vv. 17-34; cf. Ps. 37:28, 37; Prov. 12:15; 16:7)
 - b. Promises of God (vv. 28-30; cf. Ps. 23:6; 37:5-7, 18)
 - c. Conscience (vv. 31-33; cf. Acts 24:16; Heb. 13:18)

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for his guidance in your life. Ask God to help you be teachable and sensitive to his will. Pray for a deeper trust in him.



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1 SAMUEL 25:32-44

The Apostle Paul realized that at one time or another everyone is tempted. He alluded to that fact when he said, "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it," (cf. 1 Cor. 10:13).

In the first half of 1 Samuel 25 we witnessed David being tempted to give in and commit a regretful sin because of his anger towards a wicked man named Nabal. By grace, the Lord sent a godly woman, who happened to be Nabal's wife, to persuade David and help him see the door of escape. In the last half of this chapter we will discover what God does to bring victory to his children when they are being tempted and how he helps them to find a door of escape.

Are you being tempted? Are you feeling like giving in and yielding to one of your flesh's desires? Don't dismay, God will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear!