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Unaware!

Journey with Jesus: Luke 12:13-13:30
August 28, 2016 - Pastor Bruce French

What are the merciful mindful of?

1. The merciful are mindful of their

_____. 1 Samuel 26:7-11

a) Don't try to _____ the other person. 26:10

2. The merciful are mindful of their

_____. 1 Samuel 26:12-16

a) Don't try to _____ the other person. 26:13

3. The merciful are mindful of their

_____. 1 Samuel 26:17-20

a) Don't try to _____ the other person. 26:18-19

Take Home Truth

The merciful are mindful of _____

to them. 1 Samuel 26:23-24

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 the Lord is asking you to show mercy towards?
Make a point to communicate your willingness to show mercy to them this week!

hand in hand



verse by verse

Deeper Connection Study

This is the final time Saul and David will meet. Unbeknownst to them, events will occur that will bring each man face to face with his destiny. Once again, we see their true character as well as their attitude about God and his sovereignty.

Today's Core Virtue discussed: Forgiveness.

Read 1 Samuel 26

1. What indication is given about Saul's invincibility (vv. 1-5, 7)? Who was Saul's right hand man (v. 5)? What was his relationship to Saul (cf. 14:50-51)?
2. Who was David's partner on this mission (vv. 6-7)? What was his relationship to David (cf. I Chron. 2:15-16; II Sam. 23:18-19)?
3. What three possibilities does David give for how the Lord might remove Saul (vv. 9-10)? How did this encourage him to act mercifully?
4. What is so significant about the confiscation of the spear and water jug (vv. 7, 11-12)? How was David able to infiltrate the camp undetected (v. 12)?
5. How does David assert his innocence (vv. 24-25)? What does Saul say in response (v. 25)? How does this chapter compare/contrast with chapter 24?
6. In what ways have you been tempted by a friend to act naturally rather than trust in the Lord's timing and provision? How difficult is it for you to rely solely upon

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Thank God for giving wisdom. Pray for God to clearly show you how to act in difficult situations. Ask God to provide wise friends to encourage you to live boldly and responsibly for him.



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1 SAMUEL 26:1-15

You may have heard the adage, "People want justice for others, but mercy for themselves." It is true that longing for justice is common. It is only natural when you have been wronged that you would want for that injury to be addressed and the perpetrator to be disciplined. It is also common when a person errs to desire to be forgiven and granted mercy. Who wouldn't want to receive mercy when they have been on the side of wrong?

As common as those feelings might be regarding justice and mercy, few people really understand the divine formula of mercy. Do you recall Jesus saying, "Blessed are the merciful for they shall be shown mercy," (cf. Matt. 5:7). Put another way, if you want to receive mercy you must be prepared to give mercy even if every bone in your body is crying out for justice!

In 1 Samuel 26 we will discover that David has learned this divine formula and is effectively practicing it. How about you? Have you discovered this divine formula and is there anyone you need to offer mercy to?