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I Samuel 24 (Selected Verses)

THE POWER TO FORGIVE

I. Introduction:

How do you treat those who have harmed or hurt you?

What do you do when you know that you should forgive but find it so difficult to do so?

When you have been hurt:

- “Can you really let go of a grudge?
- Is it possible to forgive a real, deep hurt?
- Does forgiveness mean that you just let them off the hook?
- Does forgiveness mean you have to trust them again?
- Does forgiveness mean you no longer pursue justice?

⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:44-45

II. Four Lessons From David’s Treatment of Saul:

A. Show _____

Merciful Actions:

David cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.” I Samuel 24:4

⁷With these words David sharply rebuked his men and **did not allow them to attack Saul.**” I Samuel 24:7

Merciful Words:

“And Saul left the cave and went his way. ⁸Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, **“My lord the king!”** When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.”

I Samuel 24:7-8

God’s Will, God’s Way, God’s Time

B. Speak _____

⁹ He said to Saul, “Why do you listen when men say, ‘David is bent on harming you’? ¹⁰ This day you have seen with your own eyes how the LORD delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, ‘I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the LORD’s anointed.’

¹¹ See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. See that there is nothing in my hand to indicate that I am guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but **you are hunting me down to take my life.**” I Samuel 24:11

Speak with _____

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C. Stay _____

Then Saul returned home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.” I Samuel 24:22

D. See _____

There Is A Bigger _____:

¹² **May the LORD judge** between you and me. And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you.” I Samuel 24:12

There Is A Bigger _____:

¹⁵ May the LORD be our judge and decide between us. May he consider my cause and uphold it; may **he vindicate me by delivering me from your hand.**” I Samuel 24:15

There Is A Bigger _____:

¹⁶ But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love, for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.” I Samuel 24:16

III. Conclusion And Application:

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” Colossians 3:13