

The Search for Significance #9
1 Samuel 20-24

I. The Journey To Significance Requires _____ (in God)

Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear, but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. 1 Samuel 19:10 (NIV)

O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs...shine forth! Psalm 94:1 (NKJV)

David said to Jonathan:
“...There is but a step between me and death.” 1 Samuel 20:3 (NKJV)

But Doeg the Edomite said, “I saw the son of Jesse... Ahimelech inquired of the LORD for him; he also gave him provisions and the sword of Goliath the Philistine.” 1 Samuel 22:9-10 (NIV)

Now the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, “Is David not hiding in the hill of Hachilah, opposite Jeshimon?” 1 Samuel 26:1 (NKJV)

Then David arose and fled to...Achish the king of Gath 1 Samuel 21:10 (NKJV)

David..panicked, fearing the worst...So right there, he pretended to go crazy, pounding his head... and foaming at the mouth, spit dripping from his beard.” Achish took one look at him and said to his servants, “Can’t you see he’s crazy? Why did you let him in here?... Get him out of here!” 1 Samuel 21:12-15 (MES)

I Sought the LORD and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears...Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good.” Psalm 34:4, 8 (NKJV)

Point: As he leaves Gath David is _____ that God had saved him!

My times are in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies. Psalm 31:15 (NKJV)

Bible Says Abraham Was: “... fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. Romans 4:21 (NIV)

II. The Journey to Significance takes support and _____.

“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.” Proverbs 17:17 (NIV)

And Saul’s son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God. “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father Saul knows this.” 1 Samuel 23:16-17 (NIV)

Saul was told: “David is now in the wilderness of En Gedi.” Saul took three companies...and set out in search of David and his men in the region of the Wild Goat Rocks.” 1 Samuel 24:1-2 (MES)

“There was a cave there and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were huddled far back in the same cave. David’s men whispered to him, “Can you believe it? This is the day God was talking about when he said, ‘I’ll put your enemy in your hands.’” 1 Samuel 24:3-4 (MES)

Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.. “The LORD forbid that I should...lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the LORD.” With these words David rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. 1 Samuel 24:4-7 (NIV)

Saul got up, left the cave, and went on down the road. Then David stood at the mouth of the cave and called to Saul, “My master! My king!” ...Saul looked back. David fell to his knees and bowed in reverence. He called out, “Why do you listen to those who say David is out to get you?”

Lesson #1 – On the journey to significance, always look for _____ in people.

This very day ...God put you in my hands. My men wanted me to kill you, but I wouldn’t do it...Oh my father, look at this piece that I cut from your robe. I could have ...killed you! But I didn’t. Look at the evidence, I’m not against you. I’m no rebel.” When David finished...Saul...wept aloud. 1 Samuel 24:8-11,16 (MES)

Lesson #2 – On the journey to significance, always repay _____ with _____.

“You are more righteous than I,” he said. “You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly...the LORD delivered me into your hands, but you did not kill me. When a man finds his enemy, does he let him get away unharmed? May the LORD reward you well for the way you treated me today. I know that you will surely be king.” 1 Samuel 24:17-20 (NIV)

Lesson #3 – Emotion (even weeping) that does not lead to _____ only adds to our guilt and condemnation.

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