

THE RISE AND FALL OF DAVID

INTRODUCTION

For several years, King Saul and his elite soldiers relentlessly pursued David throughout Israel with the intent to end his life. Aware of David's divine anointing as the future king, Saul desired to protect and preserve his claim to the throne. Despite being hunted and repeatedly pressed into hardships, David left judgment and revenge in the hands of God. Even when he had opportunities to settle the score, he showed incredible reverence and restraint.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think back to when you were growing up. Did you ever have a desire to seek revenge on someone who “wronged” you? How did you handle it and what did you learn from the experience?
2. What were the actions and intentions of David's men in the cave when Saul entered it? What does this reveal about their loyalty toward David and about their trust in God?
3. What were David's specific reasons for not harming Saul? Why is this significant?
4. What was Saul's reaction after David's demonstration of restraint? What does this reveal about Saul and his perception of David?
5. How can forgiveness and grace make a positive impact on your relationships in the midst of conflict? Are there current situations where you can practice restraint?

WEEK THREE

DAVID'S RESTRAINT
CONCERNING SAUL

1 SAMUEL 24:1-20

DAY ONE

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DAY TWO

GENESIS 45:1-15

DAY THREE

PSALM 103:1-18

DAY FOUR

PSALM 130:1-8

DAY FIVE

MATTHEW 5:21-26

DAY SIX

LUKE 6:27-38

DAY SEVEN

EPHESIANS 4:29-32

