

## If God Is For You

1 Samuel 26

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### Intro

Last week we saw our good friend David walking in the flesh. We saw his explosion of anger against the foolish Nabal, but then also his response to the voice of reason from Abigail.

In this passage we see a similar story that we saw in 1 Samuel 24. David responds the same way, still submitted to God. David is walking according to the power of the Spirit, and not of the flesh as God once again gives Saul right into his hand, and David does not harm Saul, the Lord's anointed.

This story is a great example of the truth stated in:

**Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?**

David had Saul coming against him, but he knew this principle long before it was written by Paul the Apostle. Have you ever felt like an whole army was against you?

**Tonight we see the ability of God to work on behalf of those whose heart is right toward Him.**

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### **I. God Is Our Security**

- The Ziphites come and snitch on David again telling Saul that David is hiding in their area.
- Saul then comes with 3,000 of Israel's best trained, most well respected warriors, to hunt down David.

- But the Lord is not with them, their mission is not a righteous one.
- And if God isn't with you, if what you are engaged in is not pleasing to God, don't expect the end result to be a good one.
- David knew that the Lord was for him and so he didn't fear the attack...

A. Do not fear when the enemy comes to attack

- David gives us a great example. He doesn't fear. He and Abishai go right into Saul's camp in v. 7.
- David had a physical army coming against him, but often ours is a spiritual battle.
- Whether we know it or not we have an enemy of our soul, who has come to steal, kill and destroy us.

**John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."**

- Sometimes his attack is very subtle, discouragement or doubt. Other times it's as if hell's hosts have come against you.
- Satan's goal is to destroy you because you are made in the image of God, you are God's creation, and he wants to pervert God's plan for you.

- His attacks come in many different forms, and there design is to steal away your joy, kill your spiritual growth and destroy God’s plan for your life.
- But we are not to fear, because the Lord will be our salvation.

**Psalms 27:1-3 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread? When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh, my adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear; though war arise against me, in spite of this I shall be confident.**

- What should our response be to his attack?

**B. Be strong and courageous in the Lord**

- V. 6 David shows incredible leadership, “who will go with me?” That’s what a leader says.
- Think about that, would you head to the camp of your enemy?
- They don’t retreat, they don’t attack, but they stand. David stands up against Saul.

**Ephesians 6:10-11, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.”**

**App – What is the armor of God? Ephesians 6:12-18. We need to be aware of the schemes of Satan and then be ready to stand in the midst of the spiritual battle.**

**App - Even if you feel as though all of hell’s armies have come against you, be confident the Lord is your salvation and stand firm in Him.**

Don’t make the error of Saul by placing your hope in men...

C. Do not place your trust in the ability of men

- Saul’s trust was in his army of men. You almost have to laugh at the fact that here this guy again is at the mercy of David.
- Saul is trying so hard to get David, and David just walks right up to Saul, but he spares his life.
- David and Abishai go down there and an amazing thing takes place. All 3,000 of these well trained, highly skilled soldiers are fast asleep.
- V.12 The Lord was working on David’s behalf! This was a total miracle.
- Saul has 3,000 of Israel’s finest to protect him and yet they are easily defeated because the Lord caused them to sleep, v. 12.

**App - Our security needs to come from much more than an army or physical surroundings, those things can change in an instant.**

**Where does your security come from? What is the source of your peace when you lay down to sleep? Is it in men? A bank account? Insurance policy?**

**Find your security and peace in Jesus.**

**John 10:27-28, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.”**

**No one will snatch you out of His hand, you are safe in Him.**

**Illus – An American dies every week on the roads of Kenya, but I will not fear, the Lord is my protection.**

**Psalms 127:1, “Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain.”**

**When the King of Assyria came to defeat Jerusalem, King Hezekiah said these words to the people.**

**2 Chronicles 32:7, “Be strong and courageous, do not fear or be dismayed because of the king of Assyria nor because of all the horde that is with him; for the one with us is greater than the one with him. With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles.’ And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.”**

- I like that, “the One that is with us is greater than the one with him.” (c.f. 1 John 4:4)
- David had seen and knew that the Lord had protected him.

**Psalms 34:7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them.**

David not only had God as his security, but the Lord was leading him to do God's work, God's way...

**II. God's Work Is Done God's Way**

- If we know that God is for us, we will not have to compromise when it comes to doing His will, for we know that He will work things out for His greatest glory.
- Think about how tempted David could have been to slay Saul. Saul had tried to kill him, was seeking after his life, and this was the second time Saul was helpless before David...
- David could have reasoned himself right into killing Saul... "Maybe this is God telling me I should do this..."
- It would have been at the total disregard of what the Lord had spoken in,

**1 Chronicles 16:22, "Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no harm."**

- It is so easy to reason ourselves right into sin, we make a judgment based off of circumstances and not based off of what the Lord has already revealed in His Word.

**App – A good question to ask yourself: Are you justifying sinful actions based off of circumstance? Live according to the Scripture without compromise.**

- The Lord does not want His righteous end to be brought about by our unrighteous means.
- We should never justify actions because “the ends justify the means.”
- David knew Saul’s day would come, either the Lord would strike him, he would die of old age, or he would die in battle.
- But David wasn’t going to break the Scriptures.

But king Saul didn’t do God’s work God’s way...

- King Saul gives a concise statement that sums up his entire life in v. 21 “I have played the fool”.

**B. Don’t play the fool**

- As much as David followed the will of God, Saul followed his own will.
- Saul was naturally gifted and talented in many areas, he was given many opportunities by the Lord, but failed because of his pride and his lack of true repentance.
- Saul admitted that he had sinned, but he never repented.
- He fulfills the proverb:

**Proverbs 26:11, “Like a dog that returns to its vomit is a fool who repeats his folly.”**

- A sad fact that someone can recognize that they have sinned against the Lord, but not turn away from their sin.
- So his autobiography, "I have sinned, I've played the fool, I've erred exceedingly."
- If the Lord is calling you to repentance, to not only confess your sin, but to turn from it, you need to respond to His voice tonight.

<b>Conclusion</b>
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**If you have not yet surrendered your life to Christ, don't end up like Saul, who ended up saying “I've played the fool” because though he realized he was wrong and had sin, he didn't ever turn in true repentance to God.**

**The Lord Jesus reaches out His hands tonight “Be reconciled to me, give up your sin, repent, and I will forgive you of all unrighteousness.”**

**Dear Christian, know that you are in Jesus Christ, safe in Him, and you will be kept safe in Him till you go to be with Him, for “God is for you...” no one can come against you.**