

Living By Faith

1 Samuel 26

1. Unseen- God Working Out the Details vs. 1-12

At night, David and Abishai entered king Saul's camp without any interference of being in Saul's presence, taking his spear and water jug and leaving the camp while Saul and his three thousand men remained in a very deep sleep. By faith, David entered the camp without any realization that it was God who kept Saul and his whole army to remain asleep.

As we walk through life, we live with confidence that God loves us and is involved in the details of our lives. However, only on rare and wonderful occasions do we actually become conscious of the specific ways God works in our every day life. (Heb. 11:1).

2. Perspective- God Rewards Faithfulness vs. 13-25

David had an opportunity to act contrary to God's will, but chose to remain faithful to God's plan. David's faithfulness was rewarded by God (vs. 23) , as God continued to uphold David with the wonderful plans that God had for him.

Many times in life, there appear to be shortcuts to success, but those shortcuts would compromise our relationship with God. Instead, we place our trust in God for his provisions and protection, as our life of righteousness is imputed to us through Jesus Christ.

Questions

- How does God's providential protection over David challenge us to trust in Him during perilous times?
- David had an opportunity to rid himself of Saul and his attempts to kill him, but did not because he knew the Lord had a plan for Saul. How do you trust God to work out His plan in your life?
- Have you ever had an opportunity to act in a way you knew was not within God's will? How did you respond, and what was the outcome?
- How is it possible to make peace with one's enemies without entirely trusting them?
- Read Psalm 54. How does read 1 Samuel 26 enlighten your understanding of this Psalm?