

After God's Own Heart

Week 4

7/19/26

1 Samuel 24

God is Good All the Time, All the Time God is Good!

I. The Cave (1 Samuel 24:1-3)

- A. David hiding in the caves of Engedi
- B. Saul enters the cave to "relieve himself" (A few interpretations)

II. David's Inner Turmoil (1 Samuel 24:4-7)

- A. Bad advice? (vs. 4)
- B. Killing Saul would have solved _____
- C. David cuts Saul's robe
- D. David's conscience
 - 1. David mourned what most would have celebrated
 - 2. David "rebuked" his men

III. Who Are You Listening To?

- A. We live in a world of "obviously" (vs. 4)
- B. The Jewish prayer of Shema - HEAR O Israel...
- C. "Hear" definition: To _____ and _____
- D. Not every opportunity is God's permission

IV. A Test of Character (1 Samuel 24:6-9)

- A. David honors an undeserving Saul
- B. Thermometers vs Thermostats
- C. God's standards don't change based on someone else's behavior

V. Bringing The Truth To Light (1 Samuel 24:8-15)

- A. David Speaks to Saul
 - 1. Respectfully, Truthfully, Directly
 - 2. David neither attacks nor enables Saul
- B. Grace and Truth
 - 1. Doing the right doesn't mean pretending nothing happened
 - 2. The balance of grace OR truth
 - 3. The Heart of God is full of grace AND truth

VI. The Outcome (1 Samuel 24:16-22)

- A. Saul listens, weeps, and repents, blesses, calls David Son
- B. David's goal was not Saul's repentance, but a righteous life
- C. God is in charge (Romans 12:19)
- D. When we trust God with justice, we leave room for God to work
- E. The Hero: Not David, not us... its Jesus! (WE are actually Saul!)
- F. God chooses to do the right thing even when others do the wrong thing.
- G. How can you be a thermostat this week?