

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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1 Samuel 26

1. What happened in our last study in 1 Samuel 25?
 - a. David asked Nabal for help.
 - b. Although David had taken care of his servants and flocks, Nabal refused to help.
 - c. David was ready to kill Nabal.
 - d. Abigail quickly gathered provisions for David and took them out to stop her family's impending doom.

2. What happened the week before in 1 Samuel 24? _____
What is happening now, in 26:1-4? _____

3. Given our study of chapter 24, what does this say about Saul?
 - a. He has a short memory.
 - b. At this point, he is in obvious rebellion because he has confessed the truth with his own mouth.
 - c. He doesn't believe that God's purpose will persevere despite his efforts to try to accomplish his own will.

4. What does David do in verses 5-7?
 - a. He asks some men who will go down with him to Saul's camp.
 - b. Abishai volunteers.
 - c. David & Abishai went to the army by night and found Saul lying asleep inside the camp with his spear stuck in the ground near his head.

5. What does Abishai say to David in verse 8? _____

Where has Abishai been? Is this the character of David that we have seen previously? Yes _____
No _____ Explain. _____

6. How did David respond, according to verses 9-11?
 - a. Don't destroy him.
 - b. Who can lay a hand on the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?
 - c. The Lord himself will strike him, or his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish.
 - d. The Lord forbid that I should lay a hand on the Lord's anointed.
 - e. But...get the spear and water jug that are near his head and let's go.

7. What did David do next, according to verse 13-16?
 - a. He crosses to the other side and stood on top of the hill some distance away and called out to Abner.
 - b. David challenges Abner for not protecting the king.
 - c. David asks Abner where the spear and water jug are.

8. What happened when Saul recognized David's voice?
 - a. David asked Saul why he was pursuing him.
 - b. David asks Saul what he has done and what wrong is he guilty of.
 - c. David again appeals to God for justice, even if he is in the wrong. He is either quite sure that he is done nothing wrong or he is at peace with God's decisions even if he has...or both.

9. How did Saul respond in verses 21 and 25? _____
Do you suppose this is the end of the story? _____