

Patience in Adversity

Follow God's Heart – Part 2

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James 1:2-3 (ESV) Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

Galatians 6:9 (ESV) And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

1. Importance of a believing _____

1 Samuel 18:1 (ESV) As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

1 Samuel 19:2 (ESV) And Jonathan told David, “Saul my father seeks to kill you. Therefore be on your guard in the morning. Stay in a secret place and hide yourself.

1 Samuel 20:30-31 (ESV) Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said to him, “You son of a perverse, rebellious woman, do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame, and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom shall be established. Therefore send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die.”

2. Seek God in _____

1 Samuel 21:7 (ESV) Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD. His name was Doeg the Edomite, the chief of Saul's herdsmen.

Samuel 22:22 (ESV) And David said to Abiathar, “I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have occasioned the death of all the persons of your father's house.

Psalm 52:7-8 (ESV) “See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!” But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

3. Trust in God's timing

1 Samuel 24:4 (ESV) And the men of David said to him, “Here is the day of which the LORD said to you, ‘Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.’” Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

1 Samuel 24:6 (ESV) He said to his men, “The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the LORD's anointed.”

1 Samuel 26:9 (ESV) But David said to Abishai, “Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be guiltless?”

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (1 Samuel 18-26)
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

- Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. In what ways can adversity lead to rejoicing (James 1:2-3)?

2A. What does this terrible story tell us about Saul and his leader Doeg (1 Samuel 21:7)?

Intro. How is the fruit of the spirit, patience, developed in our lives?

2B. What does David's response to Abiathar tell us about his heart (1 Samuel 22:22)?

Intro. Why are we often tempted to grow weary in doing good (Galatians 6:9)?

2C. Why can it be difficult to trust God to bring about justice (Psalm 52:7-8)?

1A. Why do you think that Jonathan was drawn to David (1 Samuel 18:1)?

2D. In what ways are we tempted to take revenge against people who have hurt us? How should we react to being hurt?

1B. How are Jonathan's actions a model for our own friendships (1 Samuel 19:2)?

3A. What justification might David have used to argue in favor of killing Saul (1 Samuel 24:4)?

1C. Why would Jonathan take personal risks to help David (1 Samuel 20:30-31)?

3B. Why did David choose restraint (1 Samuel 24:6)?

1D. What could you do to grow your relationships with believing friends?

3C. What can we learn from David telling others to not take revenge either (1 Samuel 26:9)?

3D. How can you learn to wait for God's timing in the trials He allows into your life?