



# After God's Heart

The Life of David

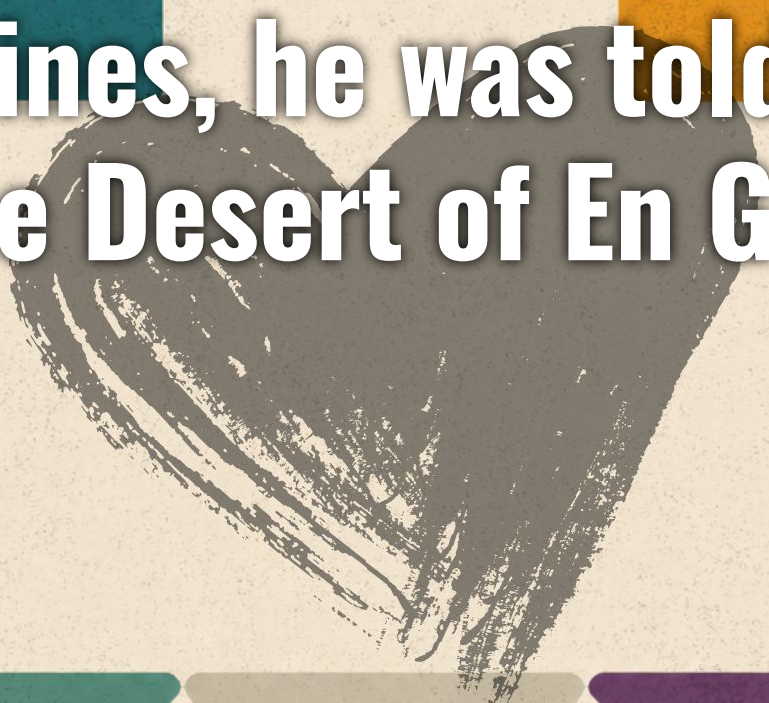


# Punchline

**You don't need to know the plan to  
trust the planner**

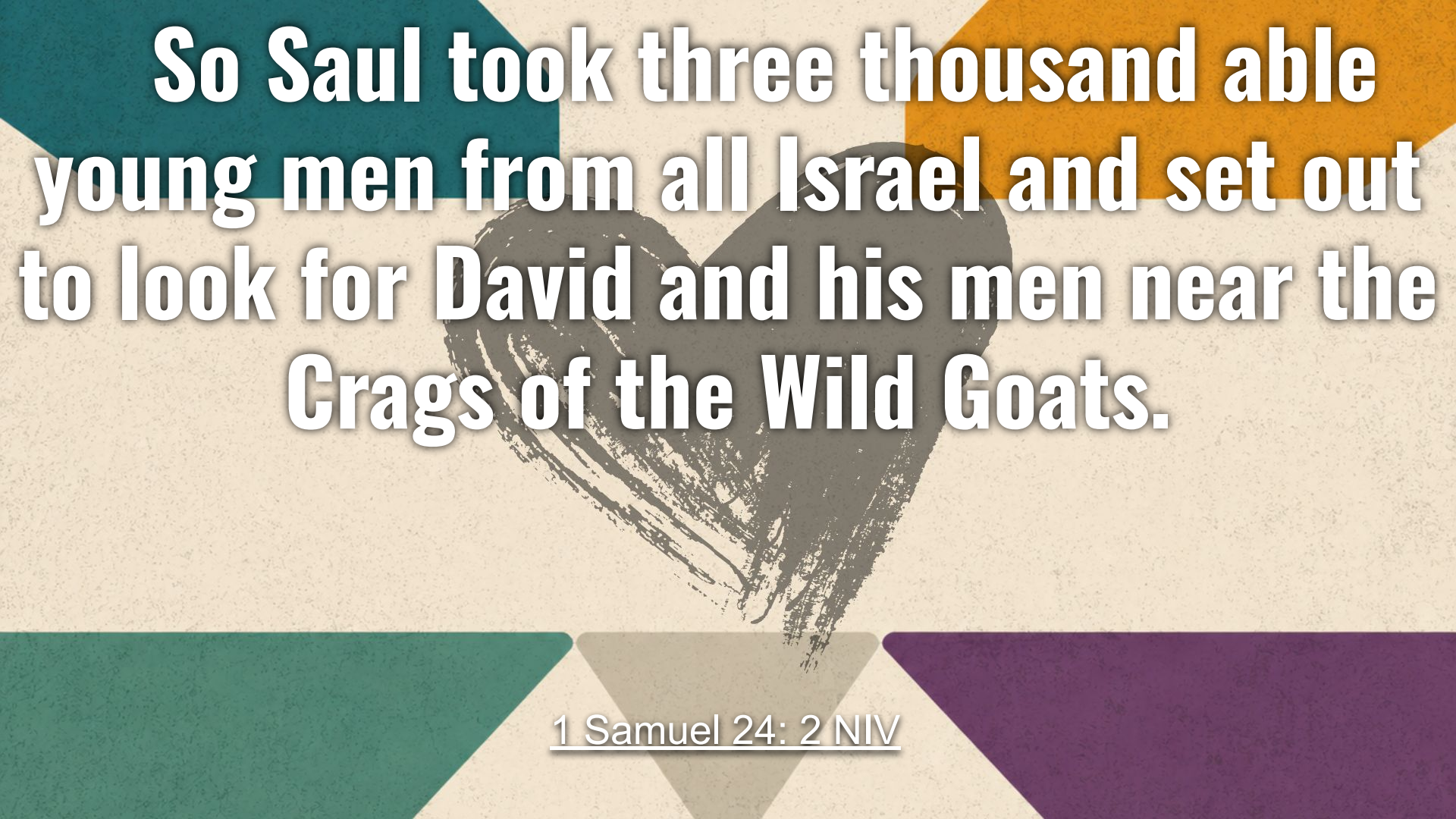
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**After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, “David is in the Desert of En Gedi.”**



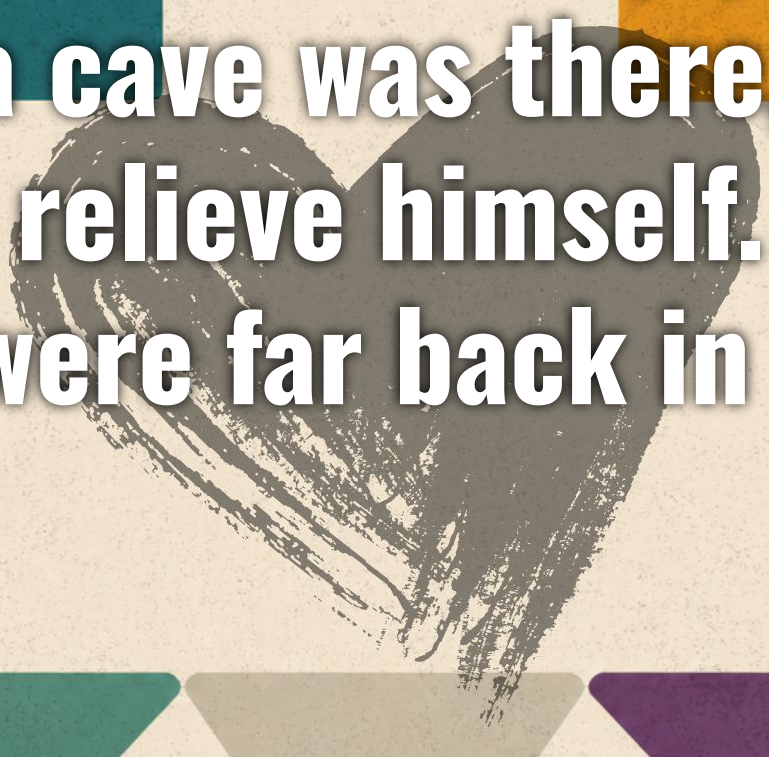
1 Samuel 24: 1 NIV

**So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crags of the Wild Goats.**

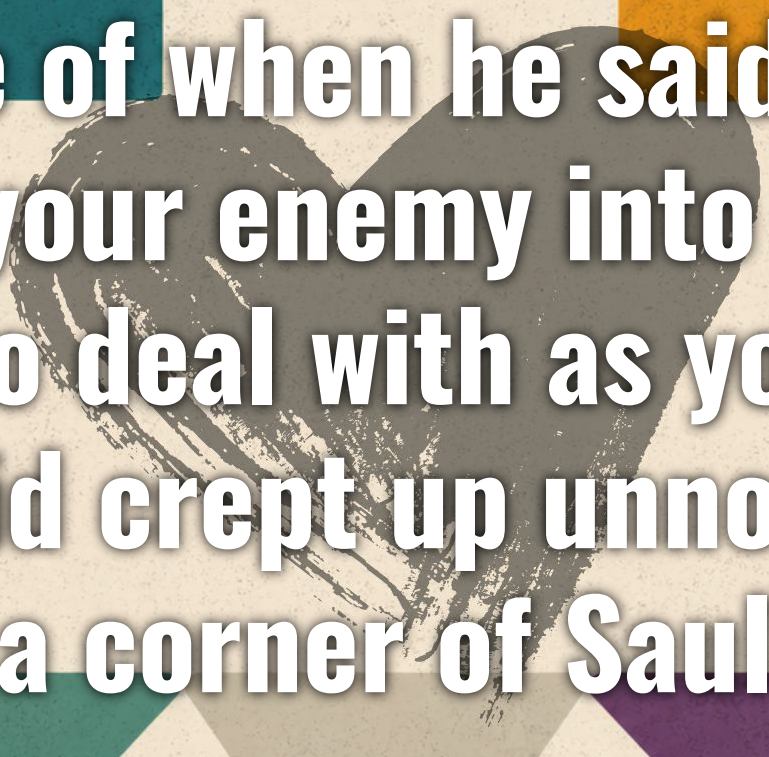


1 Samuel 24: 2 NIV

**He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave.**



1 Samuel 24: 3 NIV



**The men said, “This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said[b] to you, ‘I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.’” Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.**

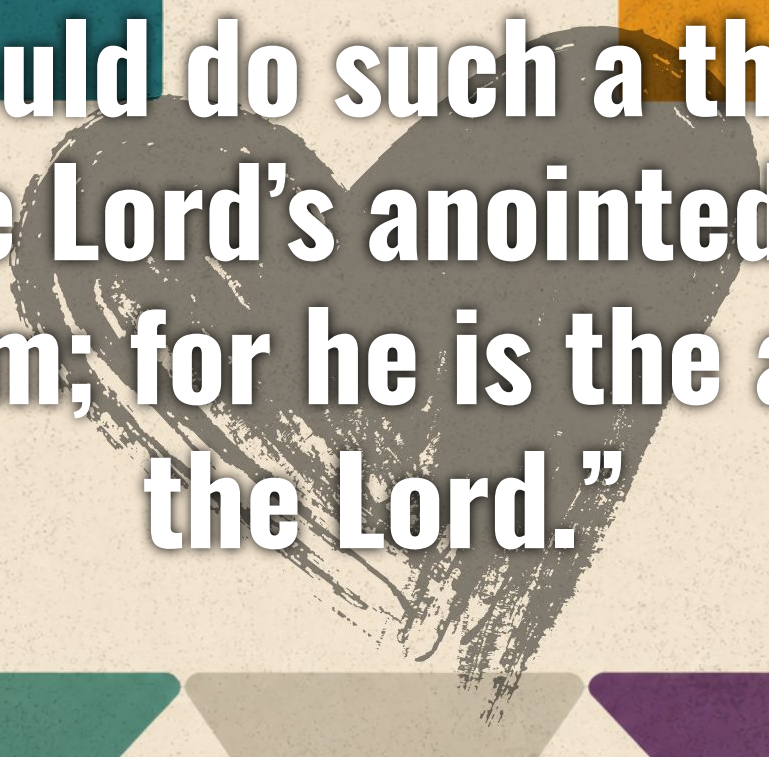
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**Afterward, David was  
conscience-stricken for having cut off  
a corner of his robe.**



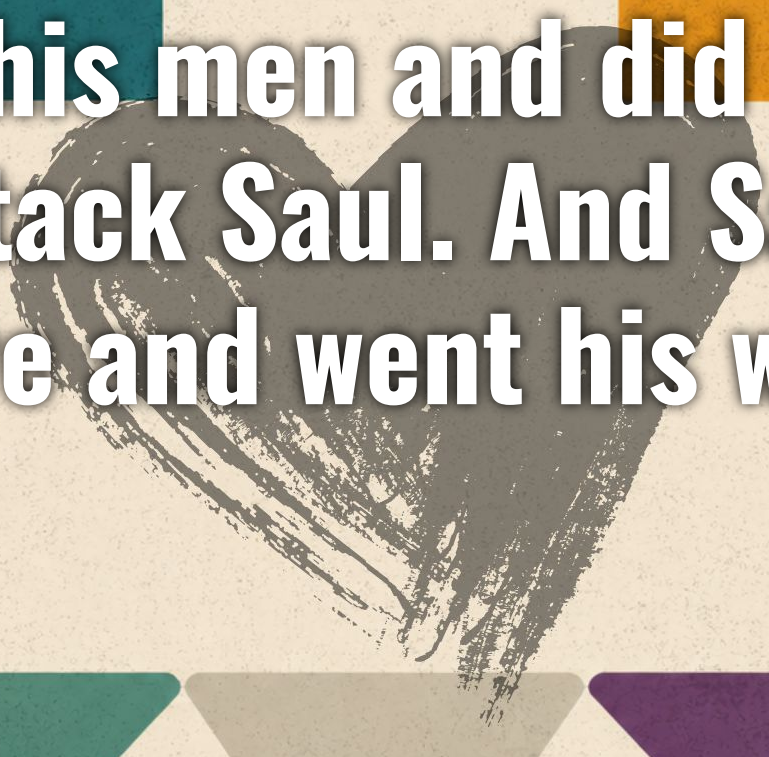
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**He said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord’s anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord.”**



1 Samuel 24: 6 NIV

**With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.**

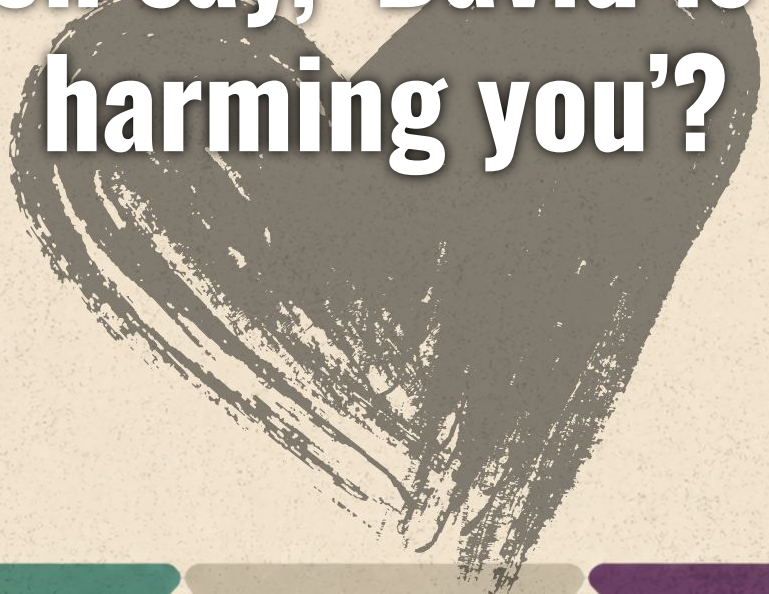


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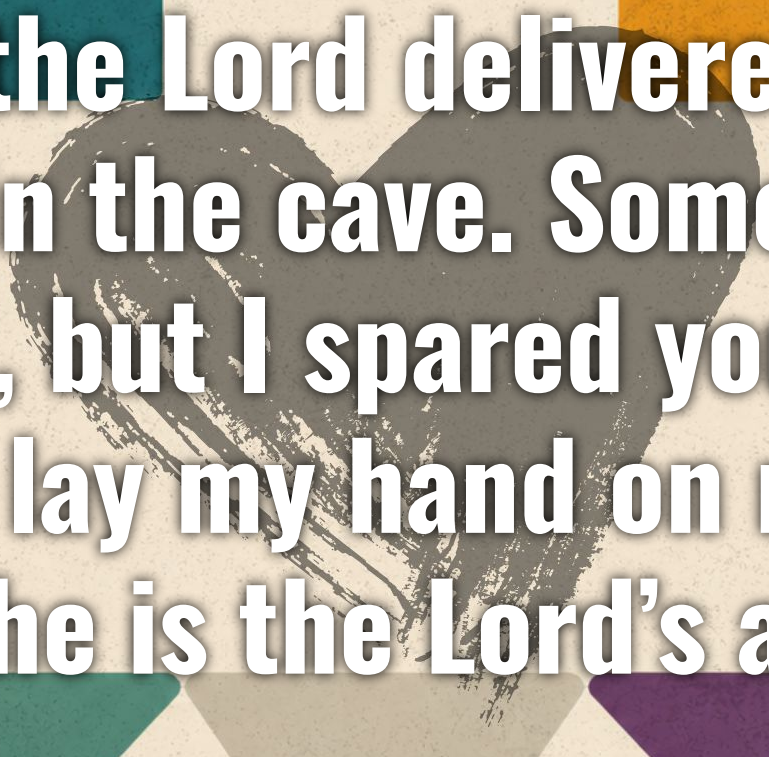
**Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, “My lord the king!” When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.**

1 Samuel 24: 8 NIV

**He said to Saul, “Why do you listen  
when men say, ‘David is bent on  
harming you’?”**

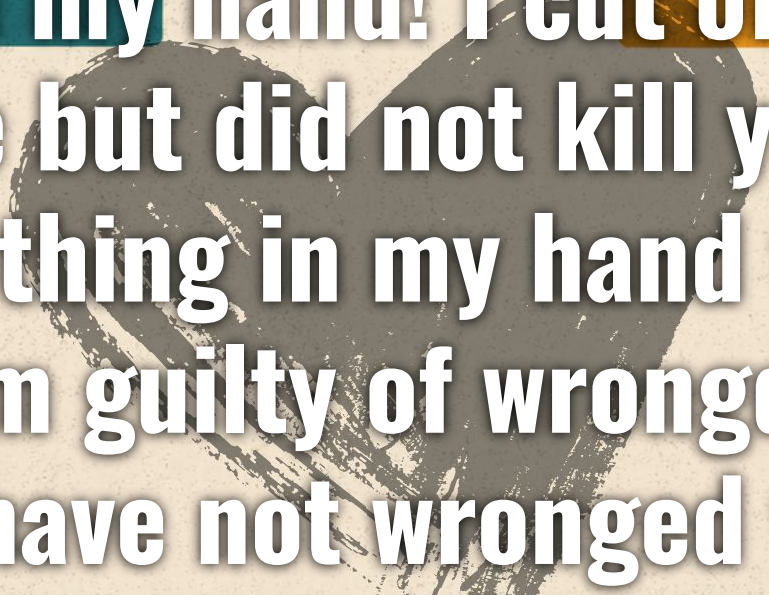


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**This day you have seen with your own eyes how the Lord delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the Lord's anointed.'**

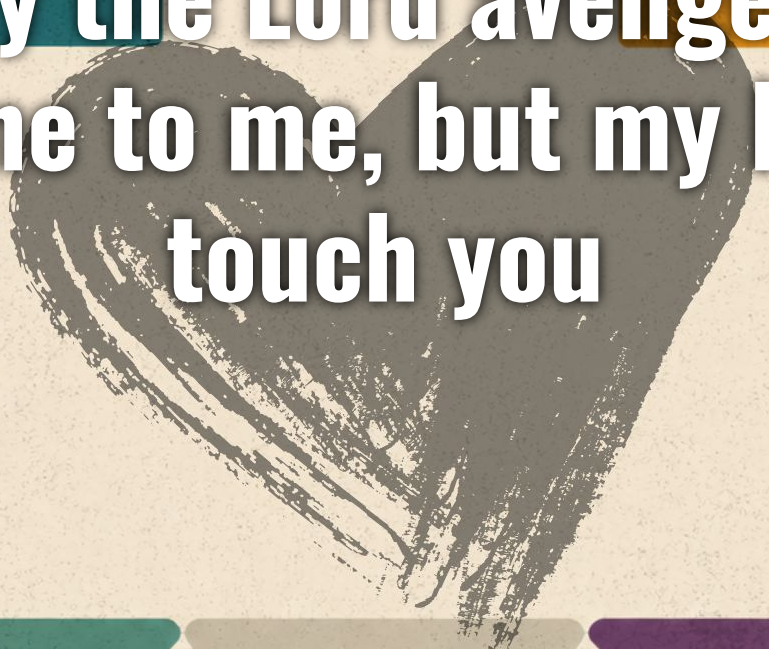
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**See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. See that there is nothing in my hand to indicate that I am guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life.**

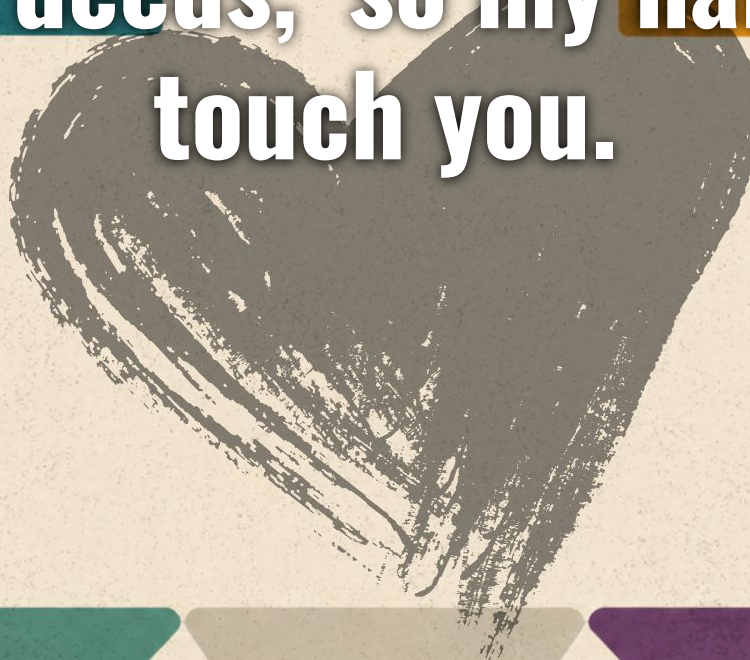
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**May the Lord judge between you and  
me. And may the Lord avenge the wrongs  
you have done to me, but my hand will not  
touch you**



1 Samuel 24: 12 NIV

**As the old saying goes, 'From evildoers  
come evil deeds,' so my hand will not  
touch you.**



1 Samuel 24: 13 NIV

# David Spares Saul

- ❖ David's men believe this is the day God gave David to kill Saul
- ❖ David cuts a piece of Saul's robe
- ❖ David won't kill Saul now and become evil - he will trust God's timing

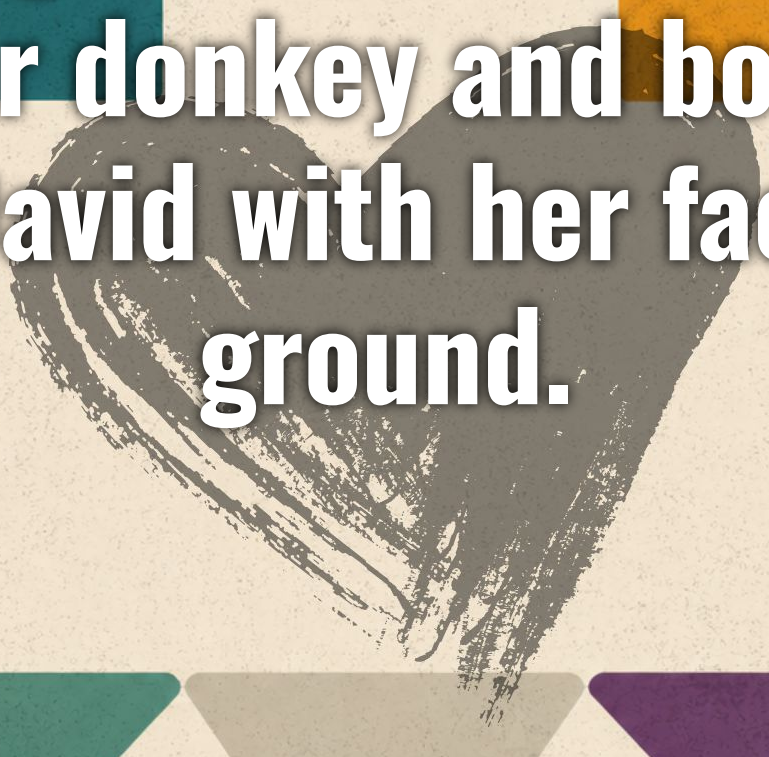


**RIGHT  
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TIME**

# Trust God's Timing

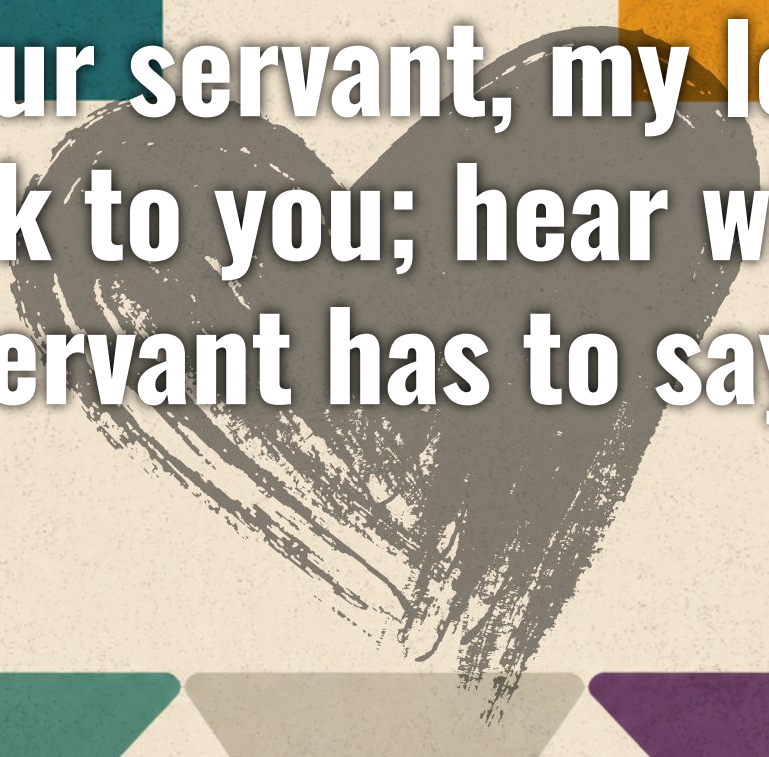
- ❖ God's timing isn't like ours
- ❖ Takes discernment
- ❖ Sit with God and listen
- ❖ Learn to wait

**When Abigail saw David, she quickly  
got off her donkey and bowed down  
before David with her face to the  
ground.**



1 Samuel 25: 23 NIV

**She fell at his feet and said:  
“Pardon your servant, my lord, and let  
me speak to you; hear what your  
servant has to say.**



1 Samuel 25: 24 NIV

**Please pay no attention, my lord, to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name—his name means Fool, and folly goes with him. And as for me, your servant, I did not see the men my lord sent.**

1 Samuel 25: 25 NIV

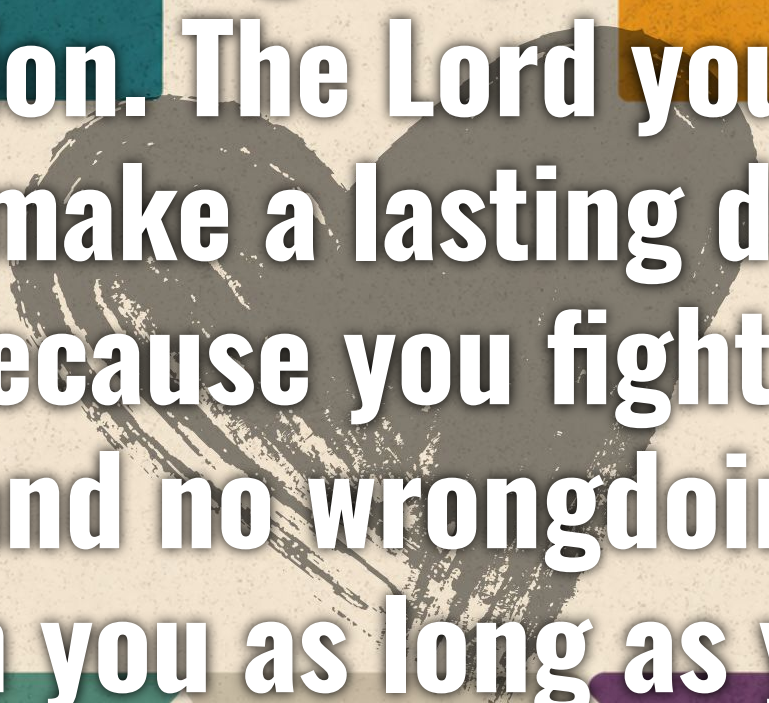
**And now, my lord, as surely as the Lord  
your God lives and as you live, since the  
Lord has kept you from bloodshed and  
from avenging yourself with your own  
hands, may your enemies and all who are  
intent on harming my lord be like Nabal.**

1 Samuel 25: 26 NIV

**And let this gift, which your servant  
has brought to my lord, be given to  
the men who follow you.**

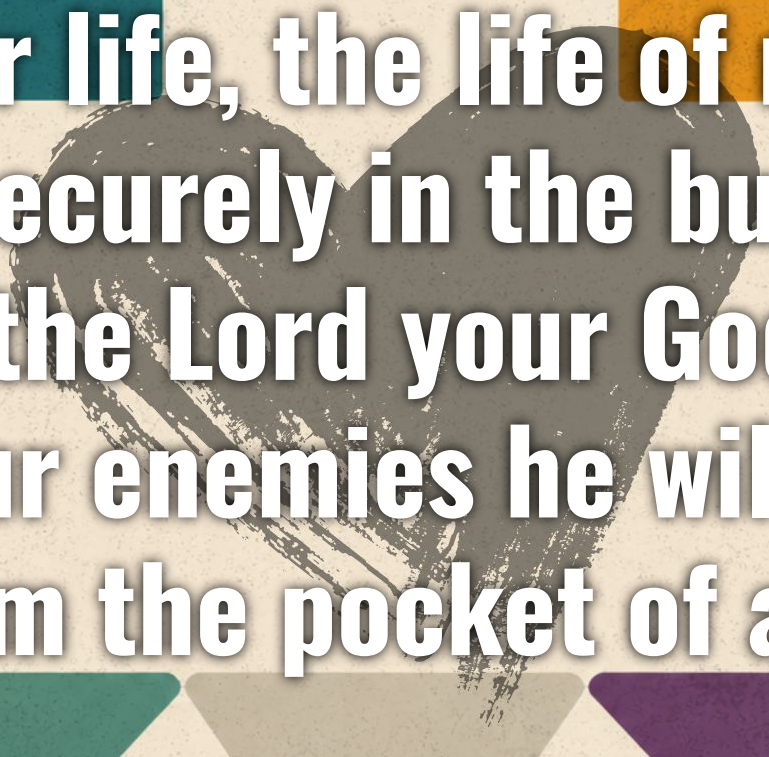


1 Samuel 25: 27 NIV



**“Please forgive your servant’s presumption. The Lord your God will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my lord, because you fight the Lord’s battles, and no wrongdoing will be found in you as long as you live.**

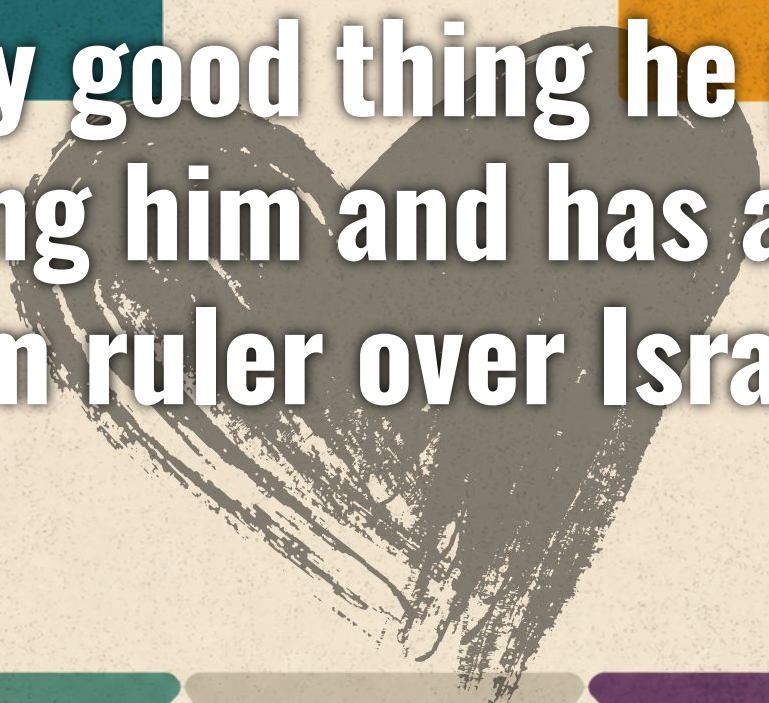
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**Even though someone is pursuing you  
to take your life, the life of my lord will  
be bound securely in the bundle of the  
living by the Lord your God, but the  
lives of your enemies he will hurl away  
as from the pocket of a sling**

1 Samuel 25: 29 NIV

**When the Lord has fulfilled for my  
lord every good thing he promised  
concerning him and has appointed  
him ruler over Israel,**



1 Samuel 25: 30 NIV

**My lord will not have on his  
conscience the staggering burden of  
needless bloodshed or of having  
avenged himself. And when the Lord  
your God has brought my lord  
success, remember your servant.”**

1 Samuel 25: 31 NIV

**David said to Abigail, “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me.**



1 Samuel 25: 32 NIV

**May you be blessed for your good  
judgment and for keeping me from  
bloodshed this day and from avenging  
myself with my own hands.**



1 Samuel 25: 33 NIV

**Otherwise, as surely as the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, who has kept me from harming you, if you had not come quickly to meet me, not one male belonging to Nabal would have been left alive by daybreak.”**

1 Samuel 25: 34 NIV

# Abigail and David

- ❖ Abigail brings David a suitable gift
- ❖ She appeals to David - don't have the bloodguilt of killing Nabal on yourself
- ❖ David chooses to trust God's interruption

**INTERRUPTED**

# Trust God's Interruption

- ❖ The interruption makes you make sure you're following God
- ❖ What is your heart after?
- ❖ Sometimes God interrupts us because we're heading towards something we shouldn't do

# Trust God's Interruption

- ❖ God's interruption keeps you on God's path
- ❖ God will right the wrong that has been done

**Then David came to the two hundred men who had been too exhausted to follow him and who were left behind at the Besor Valley. They came out to meet David and the men with him. As David and his men approached, he asked them how they were.**

1 Samuel 30: 21 NIV

**But all the evil men and troublemakers among David's followers said, "Because they did not go out with us, we will not share with them the plunder we recovered. However, each man may take his wife and children and go."**

1 Samuel 30: 22 NIV

**David replied, “No, my brothers, you must not do that with what the Lord has given us. He has protected us and delivered into our hands the raiding party that came against us.**

1 Samuel 30: 23 NIV

**Who will listen to what you say? The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All will share alike.”**

1 Samuel 30: 24 NIV

**David made this a statute and ordinance for Israel from that day to this.**



1 Samuel 30: 25 NIV

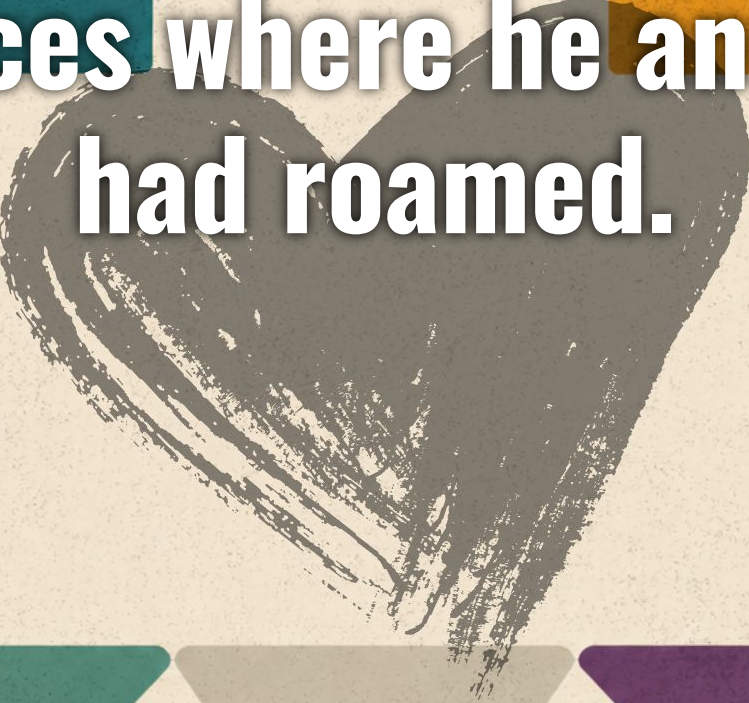
**When David reached Ziklag, he sent some of the plunder to the elders of Judah, who were his friends, saying, “Here is a gift for you from the plunder of the Lord’s enemies.”**

1 Samuel 30: 26 NIV

**David sent it to those who were in Bethel, Ramoth Negev and Jattir; to those in Aroer, Siphmoth, Eshtemoa and Rakal; to those in the towns of the Jerahmeelites and the Kenites; to those in Hormah, Bor Ashan, Athak**

1 Samuel 30: 27-30 NIV

**And Hebron; and to those in all the  
other places where he and his men  
had roamed.**



1 Samuel 30: 31 NIV

# David Distributes the Plunder

- ❖ David is generous
- ❖ David knows people were harmed through a difficult situation
- ❖ David trusted God to heal



# Trust God's Healing

- ❖ God heals those that have been hurt
- ❖ God heals communities
- ❖ God heals individuals

# Wrap Up: Trust God

- ❖ Trust God's timing
- ❖ Trust God's interruption
- ❖ Trust God's healing