

You're In The Army Now

(1 Samuel 24 - 2 Samuel 5)

- Introduction:
1. I want you to use your imagination tonight.
 2. I want you to imagine that you are a soldier in David's army.
 3. Now that you're enlisted, I want you to consider what your thoughts and actions might have been as you considered the thoughts and actions of your leader, David.

I. Background

- A. Ever since David's victory over Goliath, Saul has been jealous (1 Sam. 17).
- B. In fact, this jealousy has turned to rage and Saul has attempted to kill David (1 Sam. 18).
- C. Saul has doggedly pursued David, and even used David's wife as a pawn in attempting to capture him.
- D. David is pushed to the point of actually forming an alliance with the Philistines (1 Sam. 27).
- E. It's because of actions like this, you find your leader an enigma.
 1. Anointed, heart was right, praised by the people, loved by his king, possessed the Spirit of God, and was confident in the Lord.
 2. Suspicious, conspiracy, insanity, murder, hunted, treachery, duplicity, and foreign alliance.

II. David's Actions

- A. David twice spared Saul's life.
 1. (1 Sam. 24) in a cave.
 2. (1 Sam. 26) sleeping.
 3. David demonstrated his respect for God's anointed.
- B. David gives spoils to his nation, the people of God.
 1. (1 Sam. 30:26-31).
 2. David demonstrated his love for God's people.
- C. David and the Amalekite (2 Sam. 1).
 1. An Amalekite returns with a story of Saul's death.
 2. David requires this man's life, rather than rewarding him.
 3. The "Song of the Bow."
- D. Abner & Ishbosheth
 1. (2 Samuel 2-4).
 2. David is a man of honor and not consumed with self promotion.

III. Application: As Soldiers of David, We Learned...

- A. There's more to life than victory over the enemy.
- B. God's positions demand respect even when the man doesn't deserve it.
- C. We're learning to keep our mouth shut.
- D. How to love - even our enemies.

- Conclusion:
1. Are not these lessons, the same lessons we need to learn in the church today?