

Bible Study 6 – David’s response to enemies – 1 Sam. 19:8-16; 2 Sam. 9

Samuel Cesay runs a ministry organization in Sierra Leone, West Africa. In 2014 he was helping starving families survive while they were quarantined from their exposure to the Ebola virus. As this was going on, Samuel had to dismiss a man in his ministry by the name of John who had misappropriated funds. John was not happy with the ministry so he went to the local witch doctor and hired him to pronounce a death curse on Samuel. Then John’s family, of 23 people, was exposed to Ebola and forced into the 3-week quarantine in one house. Samuel responded by delivering food to that house for the entire 3 weeks.

The context	After the Israelites occupied Canaan most of the tribes disobeyed God by intermarriage with the Canaanites and following their gods. Later God raised up Samuel as a prophet in Israel. When Samuel called Israel to repentance & renewed dedication to the Lord, God gave them victory over the Philistines. Samuel anointed Saul as king over Israel, who was to be subject to the law of God and the word of the prophet. Because Saul disobeyed Samuel and God, David was to be the next king of Israel.
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – 1 Sam. 19:8-16; 2 Sam. 9

First escape (1 Sam. 19:8-10)	
Second escape (1 Sam. 19:11-16)	
Discovery (2 Sam. 9:1-6)	
Compassion (2 Sam. 9:7-13)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?

3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. King Saul was jealous of David and tried to kill him, but David always escaped. How did David respond when he had two opportunities to kill king Saul (1 Samuel 24:1-4; 26:7-11)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

David refused to usurp the throne by force but left his accession to office in the Lord’s hands. He refused to kill his enemy and was kind to his enemies grandson. He kept his promises with Jonathan and Saul (1 Samuel 20:14-17, 42; 24:20-22). Jesus said, “love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!” (Mt.5:44).

