

Sermon Study Guide

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BITMOJI—Staying True Through the Different Faces/Emotions of Life.

ICE BREAKER:

- ⇒ **Share a time when it looked right, felt right, your friends told you “It’s the right thing to do,” only to act...and regret it later.**
- ⇒ **Have you ever been in a similar situation... and didn’t take action... and were glad you didn’t?**

REVIEW: Life is Better with Friends! Did last week’s message cause you to be grateful for any of your friends? Did you tell them? Did you consider how you could be a better friend?

LIFE IS CONFUSING!

- ⇒ When is life most confusing for you?
- ⇒ Describe the relationship between David and King Saul?
- ⇒ What do you think David might have been praying for regarding this situation?

READ 1 SAMUEL 24:1-4. Why might this look like a “God thing” to David?

- ⇒ Why is it when opportunity lines up with our prayers and passion... it is difficult to exercise restraint?
- ⇒ When have you not exercised restraint when you should have?
- ⇒ When have you exercised restraint... even though you didn’t want to?

- ⇒ Discuss the following quote: *“Opportunities must be weighed against something other than the uniqueness of the circumstances surrounding them.”*
- ⇒ What do you usually do when an opportunity lies before you?
- ⇒ How do we know if the opportunity is an invitation from God... or a trap from Satan?

- ⇒ Even though it looked like a God thing, and felt like a God thing, and his friends were telling him it was a God thing... David resisted the urge to act. Why? (David sought the Law/Word of God... the Principles of God... and the wisdom of God.)
- ⇒ What is the difference between the law of God and the principles of God?
- ⇒ Are people today required to live under the Old Testament laws/commands? Why/why not?
- ⇒ What happens when people don’t make this distinction?
- ⇒ Give an example of an O.T. law we are not required to keep.
- ⇒ Give an example of a N.T. law we are required to keep.
- ⇒ Read the following Scriptures. Identify specific commands. Identify the principles.
Ephesians 4:17-32. Colossians 3:1-25

BRINGING IT HOME:

- ⇒ **READ James 1:5.** What does God promise? So, why do so few people understand God’s wisdom?
- ⇒ Where do you need God’s wisdom this week? What can you do to discover His will in this situation?