



Title | God in the Details
Series | Making a Difference in a Nation Adrift
Text | 1 Samuel 26:1-25
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Sermon Notes

1 Samuel 26:1 Then the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is not David hiding himself on the hill of Hachilah, which is on the east of Jeshimon?" 2 So Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. 3 And Saul encamped on the hill of Hachilah, which is beside the road on the east of Jeshimon. But David remained in the wilderness. When he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness, 4 David sent out spies and learned that Saul had indeed come. 5 Then David rose and came to the place where Saul had encamped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, with Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army. Saul was lying within the encampment, while the army was encamped around him. 6 Then David said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Joab's brother Abishai the son of Zeruiah, "Who will go down with me into the camp to Saul?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with you." 7 So David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay around him. 8 Then Abishai said to David, "God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice." 9 But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be guiltless?" 10 And David said, "As the LORD lives, the LORD will strike him, or his day will come to die, or he will go down into battle and perish. 11 The LORD forbid that I should put out my hand against the LORD's anointed. But take now the spear that is at his head and the jar of water, and let us go." 12 So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them. . . . ESV

Big Idea:

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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 1 Samuel 26:1-25. Verse 12 explains how God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Saul and all his men, but there is no evidence to suggest that David knew that God was involved in this way. Why do you think verse 12 is included in the narrative? What does it suggest about God's involvement in our lives and our awareness of it?

Tuesday:

Read Psalm 139. Identify the verses that reflect David's belief that God is actively, personally, and lovingly involved in the details of his life. How can you apply this to your life?

Wednesday:

Compare David's response to two similar situations in 1 Samuel 24:1-6 and 1 Samuel 26:7-10. How are the responses similar? How are they different? What role do you think David's experience with Nabal played, as recorded in 1 Samuel 25:37-39? What does David seem to be learning?

Thursday:

Read Psalm 23. Identify all the ways in which God is actively, personally, and lovingly involved in the details of David's life. How can you apply this to your life?

Friday:

If you were fully confident and always aware that God is actively, personally, and lovingly involved in the details of your life, what difference it make? How can you cultivate such confidence and awareness?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to be ever mindful of this truth: You are actively, personally, and lovingly involved in the details of my life. Thank you. Amen.

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