

THE LIFE OF DAVID

David and Saul

1 Samuel 24:1-22

Sunday, November 4, 2018

2. The Way of _____ = The Way of _____

- David is _____.
- David _____ and _____ his enemy, instead of killing him.
- David is committed to _____.
- David _____ and waits on God for his future.
- David's _____ belongs to the _____.
- The _____ is David's _____.

In all this, _____ powerfully points us to _____.
For the way of _____ is the way of _____!

3. The Ways of the _____

- God's discipline of Saul was meant to _____ and _____ him.
- When Saul _____ to humble himself, the Lord sent him "an evil spirit" as part of his _____ to ultimately _____ him.
- God then used Saul's hard heart and madness to _____, _____ and _____.
- God also uses David to _____ Saul's hard heart and _____ him.
- Everything that Saul intends for _____, God works for _____ in David's life.

The relationship between David and Saul is one of the most fascinating, instructive and challenging in all the Bible and so worth our careful contemplation. Here we have a long, drawn out contrast between two characters. The way of Saul and the way of David are placed before us. The narrative begs the question: which way will WE choose?

1. The Way of _____ = The Way of _____

- Saul _____ God's Word and exalts Himself above God and so is rejected as king.
- Instead of _____ before God, Saul begins to live life _____ from God.
- As God begins to gradually _____ David, Saul refuses to _____ to the will of God and it drives him _____.
- For the next 10+ years Saul will try to _____ the will of God by trying to _____ David.
- Occasionally, Saul will _____ all the right things, but there's no _____, no _____, no _____ to back up his words.

Growth Groups are the glue that hold our church together. Growth Groups are groups of 6 - 12+ people that meet together during the week to process and apply the message, pray together, care for another and live life together. If you are interested in joining a Growth Group, go to gracecentralcoast.org.

Connecting and Caring for One Another

As we look through the life of David, we've begun to talk about the "long ways of God" in our lives. As you come together this week, reflect on and share what you sense God is doing in your own life over the last 1 to 10 years!

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. Read together again 1 Samuel 24. How did you COME UNDER God's Word in the text and message this week? In other words, how did God speak to you, convict you or encourage you through this episode in the life of David?
2. Saul and David are locked in a long drama. God is using each in the life of the other. Can you think of a Saul-like relationship in your life? How do we tend to respond to people who throw spears at us?
3. Can you think of a David-like relationship in your life? How do we tend to respond to those through whom God seems to be working, or whom God has gifted, or those who God is blessing?

4. When you look out on the leadership landscape, who are examples of those who are walking in the way of Saul? Who are those who are walking in the way of David? Which is more common and frequent?
5. Describe a circumstance in your life right now where you see the way of Saul OR the way of David before you. What would walking in each way look like for you?
6. How is the way of David the way of Jesus? How is Jesus our true and better David who even goes further for us?

Praying Together

- As you pray for one another's needs, pray that the Lord would be humbling you and teaching you the way of David.
- Pray for the patience and perseverance to submit to the Lord's long ways in your life.