

RESTORING AND MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONSHIPS

1 Samuel 24

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A couple primary points of OT narratives:

1. In some way they are pointing us towards Jesus.
2. They are giving us examples to guide us in walking with Christ and being like Christ.

Main point today in 1 Samuel 24: Helpful guidelines in restoring broken relationships.

1 Cor. 10:11 Narratives have been recorded to warn and guide us.

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

^{4:32} Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

1 Samuel 23:29 David goes to hide at En Gedi.

Psalm 13 David is spiritually down, but trusting God.

Psalm 84 One day in your courts are like a thousand else where.

4 Points In Conflict Resolution

1. Live to the Glory of God. [1 Cor. 10:31]

1 Samuel 24:1-6 David trusts God for His big picture agenda.

David refuses to kill Saul, but trusts in God's timing.

1 Samuel 24:7-8 David passes on safety to seek reconciliation.

2. Get the Log Out of Your Own Eye [Matt. 7:1-4]

1 Samuel 24:5 David is conscience-stricken.

The robe represents the throne. **1 Sam. 15:26-28**

Don't magnify the other's wrongs. Clean up your side of the street.

Check your own heart and attitude.

3. Gently Restore [Gal. 6:1-2]

1 Samuel 24:8

a. David picks his time and his tone carefully.

Don't send messengers or use social media!

David uses humble respectful body language.

Tell the truth in love. **[Eph. 4:15]**

1 Samuel 24:9

b. David gives Saul the benefit of the doubt and does not accuse.

Show charity in judgment. **[Prov. 11:27]**

1 Samuel 24:10-11 c. Attack the **problem**, don't attack the **person**.

1 Samuel 24:12-15 d. Leave it in God's hands.

4. Go and be reconciled [2 Cor. 5:17-21]

1 Samuel 24:16 David's humble step of reconciliation softens Saul.

1 Samuel 24:20-21 David vows forgiveness and trusts God.

Psalm 42:1-2 Pray that your heart yearns for God like a thirsty deer pants for water.