



## David's Fear of the Lord: The Righteous Are Rewarded (1 Sam 26)

*Notes: Week Fifteen*

### David Again Spares Saul's Life - [1 Samuel 26:1-25](#)<sup>1</sup>

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#### Open It

1. What are the duties of the bodyguards of famous and powerful people?
2. What are some of the duties you have that prevent you from doing what you really want to do?
3. \*How does it feel to win an argument?

#### Explore It

4. How many troops did Saul take with him to hunt for David? ([26:2](#))
5. How did David manage to avoid falling into the trap Saul set for him? ([26:3-4](#))
6. Who was willing to go with David into Saul's camp alone at night? ([26:6](#))
7. \*Where did David and Abishai find Saul? ([26:7](#))
8. \*What did Abishai assume when he realized that Saul was sleeping and vulnerable? ([26:8](#))
9. \*Why did David prevent Abishai from killing Saul? ([26:9](#))
10. What did David predict would become of Saul? ([26:10](#))
11. What did David take with him before he left Saul's camp? ([26:12](#))
12. How had the Lord intervened for David when he entered Saul's camp at night? ([26:12](#))
13. When David was a safe distance away, what message did he have for Abner? ([26:13-16](#))
14. How did Saul recognize David from a distance? ([26:17](#))

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1. *Adult Questions for LESSONMaker*, (Austin, TX: Wordsearch, 1992), WORDsearch CROSS e-book, Under: "David Again Spares Saul's Life - 1 Samuel 26:1-25".

15. What was David's complaint against Saul? ([26:18-19](#))
16. By pursuing David, what precious right was Saul denying to David? ([26:20](#))
17. How did Saul react to having his life spared a second time? ([26:21](#))
18. What promise did Saul make to David after David penetrated his camp by night? ([26:21](#))
19. On what terms did David and Saul part company? ([26:25](#))

### **Get It**

20. When David penetrated Saul's camp at night, what was his mission?
21. Why did David address Abner, Saul's commander, when he reached a safe distance?
22. Why was the life of a fugitive on the outskirts of Israel particularly bitter for David?
23. What was foolish about Saul's behavior toward David up to this time?
24. \*What would be wise or foolish about sparing an enemy rather than finishing him off?
25. \*Why isn't it wise to take every opportunity we are given for personal advancement and advantage?
26. How is it possible to make peace with one's enemies without entirely trusting them?
27. Why might the repentance of an enemy be of greater value than the defeat of that enemy?

### **Apply It**

28. In what concrete way can you value the life of someone who aggravates or opposes you?
29. \*What would it mean to let God vindicate you when you encounter a conflict this week at work or at home?