

Getting Even

1 Samuel 24:4-15 (ESV)

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1 Samuel 18:15¹⁵ And when Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in fearful awe of him.

1. It's natural to want revenge from those who hurt you.

1 Samuel 24:4⁴ And the men of David said to him, "Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.'" Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

2. Don't allow your feelings to drive you because feelings are unreliable.

1 Samuel 24:6-7⁶ He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the LORD's anointed."⁷ So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.

Matthew 11:28-29²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

3. Trust the God of justice to make things right in His timing and in His way.

Matthew 5:44–45 ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

1 Samuel 24:15 ¹⁵ May the LORD therefore be judge and give sentence between me and you, and see to it and plead my cause and deliver me from your hand.”