

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

A WAY OF ESCAPE

I SAMUEL 19:1-24

NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023

Four Ways of Escape

- I. David's Best Friend: vs. 1-7
- II. David's Elusiveness: vs. 8-10
- III. David's Wife and a Window: vs. 11-17
- IV. The Spirit of God: vs. 18-24

Questions:

1. In 1 Samuel 19, the conflict intensifies between Saul's will and God's will. In one sense, sin is a clashing of our will against God's. As a group, read Psalm 2 and consider the danger of living (even in subtle ways) in conflict with God's will and purpose for your life.
2. David will continue to demonstrate a godly response to Saul's threatening behavior. He provides an example of how to respond to someone in authority who is "throwing spears" at you. Metaphorically, can you relate to spear-throwing in your life? If so, in what ways? How does David's example inform how we ought to respond?
 - See Psalm 59
3. Was Michal's deception in vs. 11-17 sinful? Why or why not? To zoom out, why is it important to understand the difference between a passage that is prescriptive (prescribing a way to live for all believers at all times) compared to a descriptive passage (describing a passage of a group of people within a unique situation and time period), especially in the Old Testament?
4. A significant theme in this chapter is the protection of God upon his anointed: God provided a way of escape for David. Assign each person in the group one of the following passages and have them share insight on how to think about God's protection from these promises. Together answer the following questions: In what ways does God provide a way of escape for His people today? What promises are we given and how should these promises inform how we think about "danger"?
 - 1 Corinthians 10:13-14
 - Proverbs 18:10
 - Psalm 34:19
 - Psalm 138:7
 - Psalm 121:7-8
 - Ephesians 6:11-12 and 2 Thess. 3:3
 - Psalm 27