

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

GOD'S SMILING FACE

I SAMUEL 29:1-11

MARCH 3RD, 2024

- I. An Unexpected Predicament: vs. 1-2
- II. A Surprising Solution: vs. 3-5
- III. A Profound Irony: vs. 6-9
- IV. Unforeseen Providence: vs. 10-11
- V. Two Takeaways
 - 1) Despite our foolishness, God's mercy remains
 - 2) Despite our confusion, God's purposes remain

Questions:

1. Go around and share about situations you've found yourself in (funny/light-hearted or hard/sinful) that you never imagined being in because of a foolish decision.
2. Do you think David was genuinely upset in vs. 8, why or why not?
3. What examples of irony are there in 1 Samuel 29?
4. What evidence of God's providence is displayed in 1 Samuel 29?
5. Why is it helpful to be reminded of the truth that despite our foolishness, God's mercy remains when we find ourselves in a situation we never imagined being in?
 - Challenge the group to share how they've experienced God's mercy personally.
6. Why is it helpful to be reminded of the truth that despite our confusion, God's purposes remain?