

Life Group Discussion Guide

Message: "Loving Our Families at Thanksgiving"

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Message Notes

The very next day a tormenting spirit from God overwhelmed Saul, and he began to rave in his house like a madman. David was playing the harp, as he did each day. But Saul had a spear in his hand, and he suddenly hurled it at David, intending to pin him to the wall. But David escaped him twice. **1 Samuel 18:10-11 (NLT)**

Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord. **Romans 12:19 (NLT)**

1) When someone is hurting you, don't throw spears.

Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets. **Matthew 7:12 (NLT)**

When Saul's men reported this back to the king, he told them "Tell David that all I want for the bride price is 100 Philistine foreskins! Vengeance on my enemies is all I really want." But what Saul had in mind was that David would be killed in the fight. **1 Samuel 18:25 (NLT)**

David was delighted to accept the offer. Before the time limit expired, he and his men went out and killed 200 Philistines. Then David fulfilled the king's requirement by presenting all their foreskins to him. So Saul gave his daughter Michal to David to be his wife. When Saul realized that the Lord was with David and how much his daughter Michal loved him, Saul became even more afraid of him, and he remained David's enemy for the rest of his life. **1 Samuel 18:26-29 (NLT)**

2) Expect difficulty and perform under pressure.

Saul hurled his spear at David. But David dodged out of the way, and leaving the spear stuck in the wall, he fled and escaped into the night. **1 Samuel 19:10 (NLT)**

A great leader takes what God brings into his or her life and builds them into greatness.

So Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, saying, “May the Lord destroy all your enemies!” And Jonathan made David reaffirm his vow of friendship again, for Jonathan loved David as he loved himself. **1 Samuel 20:16-17 (NLT)**

3. God will use the difficult people to reposition your opportunities and your friendships.

When somebody tries to throw you by the wayside, God is throwing you forward into His will.

You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. **Genesis 50:20 (NLT)**

4. Stay faithful to God and let him fight your battle for you.



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Four Questions

LEARN: *What am I learning? What am I curious about? What questions do I have?*

LIVE: *What thoughts/habits/desires do I need to surrender to God so I can experience God's life? What good thoughts/habits/desires do I need to grow in?*



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LOVE: *How will this empower me to love God (with all my heart, soul, mind and strength),
love myself (as Jesus loves me), and love my neighbor (as I love myself)?*

LEAD: *How can I better lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ?*