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**The Death Of Saul**  
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## **1 Samuel 1:1-16**

<sup>1</sup> After the death of Saul, when David had returned from striking down the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. <sup>2</sup> And on the third day, behold, a man came from Saul's camp, with his clothes torn and dirt on his head. And when he came to David, he fell to the ground and paid homage. <sup>3</sup> David said to him, "Where do you come from?" And he said to him, "I have escaped from the camp of Israel." <sup>4</sup> And David said to him, "How did it go? Tell me." And he answered, "The people fled from the battle, and also many of the people have fallen and are dead, and Saul and his son Jonathan are also dead." <sup>5</sup> Then David said to the young man who told him, "How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?" <sup>6</sup> And the young man who told him said, "By chance I happened to be on Mount Gilboa, and there was Saul leaning on his spear, and behold, the chariots and the horsemen were close upon him. <sup>7</sup> And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called to me. And I answered, 'Here I am.' <sup>8</sup> And he said to me, 'Who are you?' I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.' <sup>9</sup> And he said to me, 'Stand beside me and kill me, for anguish has seized me, and yet my life still lingers.' <sup>10</sup> So I stood beside him and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown that was on his head and the armlet that was on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord." <sup>11</sup> Then David took hold of his clothes and tore them, and so did all the men who were with him. <sup>12</sup> And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son and for the people of the LORD and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword. <sup>13</sup> And David said to the young man who told him, "Where do you come from?" And he answered, "I am the son of a sojourner, an Amalekite." <sup>14</sup> **David said to him, "How is it you were not afraid to put out your hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?"** <sup>15</sup> Then David called one of the young men and said, "Go, execute him." And he struck him down so that he died. <sup>16</sup> And David said to him, "Your blood be on your head, for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have killed the LORD's anointed.'"

### **In David we find the story of a very flawed man, desperately in love with God.**

- David's relationship, especially as spoken of in his Psalms, sets the stage for the type of divine intimacy portrayed in the New Testament.
- David was living in conflict between the anointing and approval of God vs. the disapproval of man.
  - David had been anointed by God as King over all of Israel at the age of 13.
  - David was rejected by not only his **family**, but eventually by **Saul** and much of the nation of **Israel** whom he had saved from captivity to the Philistines.
    - Few things have the ability to shape your life like walking deeply in an understanding that you are approved of by God.

**When we last left David, he was living in a complex irony as an exile and mercenary among the Philistines.**

**To this point, the trademark of David's life was his soul's determination to never take anything that was not given to him by God, but that was all about to change.**

- **Vs. 14** Speaks to this: *David said to him, "How is it you were not afraid to put out your hand to destroy the LORD's anointed?"*
- David, to this point, would never make the victory, but rather take the victory.
- It is possible that David waited 30 years between his anointing and the fulfilling of his destiny

**How contrary is this to a world that constantly tells us to reach out and take our destiny by the throat.**

- David was living Faith-filled passivity at its most active.
  - **Key: David's values caused his destiny to pursue him, rather than the other way around.**

**Food for the journey:** Use these questions and challenges to go deeper this week in personal study or as a part of one of our weekly community groups.

1. In David we find the story of a very flawed man, desperately in love with God. How does that statement sit with you? Can you relate.
2. Few things have the ability to shape your life like walking deeply in an understanding that you are approved of by God. Why would this be?
3. Why do you think David would not reach out and take his destiny?
4. David waited 30-40 years to become the king over all of Israel? How good are you at waiting for the things you feel you are destined for? Do you take them into your own hands?
5. This week write down a list of things that you might need to let go of in faith-filled passivity.