**The David Series Week 5**

Welcome to the David Series.

In week 1 we learnt about Destiny.

In week 2 we learnt about handling Giants.

In week 3 we learnt about dealing with Friends.

In week 4 we learnt about dealing with Betrayal.

This week we are going to learn about Revenge.

Video: Taken 1 Trailer — Find it on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZ02_Uzf7So>

Question: What is one specific instance where you feel you have been wronged?

What is Revenge: If you look at many TV Dramas and Movie Sagas; revenge makes up most of the plots written, thus making the show juicy and interesting for the viewer to watch. i.e Revenge, Revenge of the fallen, Empire, Taken 1, 2 and 3 to mention but just a few. In the same token, it plays an important role in our lives. We feel the need to revenge.

Why do we seek revenge: (1) Emotional Release (2) To get even

Revenge in My Life: Some insights from my life.

The effects of Revenge: (1) Revenge reopens and exasperates your emotional wounds. (2) You start an unending cycle.

Revenge in David’s Life: He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. The men said, “This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, ‘I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.’” Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. ( 1 Samuel 24: 3-4)

What do we learn about revenge from David?

1. Live by the word of God: David knew God’s word, so he fought the temptation. “The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord’s anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord.” (1 Samuel 24:6)
2. Listen to your conscience: David’s conscience provided him with clarity and direction. “Afterwards, David was conscience stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe." (1 Samuel 24:5)
3. Forgive those who persecute you: David forgave Saul for wanting to kill him. “So David gave his oath to Saul. Then Saul returned home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold. “(1 Samuel 24:22)
4. Let God Avenge: David surrendered everything to the Lord. “And may the Lord avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you.” (1 Samuel 24:12)

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,”[d] says the Lord.” (Romans 12:17 - 19)

Small Group Discussion: You have ten minutes to apply the message to your life in small groups using these 3 questions: (1) What does God say about taking revenge? (2) Who is the person in your life, right now, that needs your peace and forgiveness instead of wrath and revenge? (3) What will you do for that person this week to show them that God’s desire for peace in your life, will outweigh your desire for revenge?

Wrap Up: The problem with revenge is, where do you draw the line? Taking revenge into our own hands, damages our relationship with God.

Prayer.

Daily Devotions: We will post devotions on the Sunday WhatsApp group every night of the week throughout this series. Do everything you can to be a part of the daily journey in the life of David.

Next Week: Next week we will look at the next chapter in David’s Life: Trials (1 Samuel 25-31)