

THE SAUL DILEMMA

1 Samuel 26:7-11 So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him. 8 Then said Abishai to David, **God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day:** now therefore **let me smite him**, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time. 9 And David said to Abishai, **Destroy him not:** for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD'S anointed, and be guiltless? 10 David said furthermore, **As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him;** or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish. 11 **The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD'S anointed:** but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

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What do you **DO**
when you are **FACED WITH TWO OPTIONS**
and **NEITHER OPTION LOOKS GOOD**

ANOINTED
APPOINTED

consecrated, set apart (as holy) to a high office
to name or select officially for an office, position, etc.

THE SCENE

- SAUL IS **PURSUING DAVID** - DAVID IS **FLEEING FROM SAUL**
- SAUL IS **PRESENT KING** - DAVID IS **FUTURE KING**
- SAUL WAS **DISOBEDIENT** - DAVID IS **OBEDIENT**
- SAUL IS **ANOINTED AND APPOINTED** - DAVID IS **ANOINTED BUT NOT YET APPOINTED**
- DAVID DISCOVERS SAUL IN A **VULNERABLE STATE**
- DAVID MUST **DECIDE WHAT ACTION TO TAKE**

THE OPTIONS

	<u>KILL SAUL</u>	<u>SPARE SAUL</u>
PRO	PROBLEM REMOVED	PROBLEM CONTINUES
CON	PROMISE REMOVED	PROMISE PRESERVED

THE DILEMMA

how can you **REMOVE the BURDEN** without **REMOVING the BLESSING**

SERMON OUTLINE - HOW TO FACE 'THE SAUL DILEMMA'

1. **SEEK HIS FACE** 1 Samuel 26:8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time.

NOTICE DAVID'S DILEMMA OCCURS WHEN HE **GOES DOWN**
WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, **LOOK UP**

Psalm 27:8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, **Thy face, LORD, will I seek.**

Psalms 63:1 O God, thou art my God; **early will I seek thee**: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

Psalms 121:1 I will **lift up mine eyes unto the hills**, from **whence cometh my help.**

2. **KNOW YOUR PLACE** - 1 Samuel 26:9-11 And David said to Abishai, **Destroy him not**: for who can stretch forth his hand against the **LORD'S anointed**, and be guiltless?

MY **PROBLEM** IS **HERE**

MY **PROBLEM** CAN BE **REMOVED**

BUT, MY **PROBLEM** IS **ANOINTED**

IF I **REMOVE MY PROBLEM**, I WILL **DESTROY THE PROMISE**

IF I **WANT MY PROMISE**, I HAVE TO **TRUST GOD WITH MY PROBLEM**

IN OTHER WORD'S - **CAN'T TOUCH THIS.....**

3. **RUN YOUR RACE** - 1 Samuel 26:11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD'S anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and **let us go.**

WHERE SOME SAY **STAY**, YOU **MUST GO**

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WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF **DAVID KILLED SAUL**

IF **DAVID KILLS SAUL** - **THE RIPPLE EFFECT.....**

DAVID **LOSES HIS KINGSHIP**

SOLOMON **IS NOT BORN**

PROVERBS ARE NOT WRITTEN

TEMPLE IS NOT BUILT

AND SO ON.....AND SO ON.....