

Carving Out Character

1 Samuel 24:1-11

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God is creative in the way He carves our character.

3/4 ways the Holy Spirit cuts out the Saul in us
and carves out our character:

1. CAVES (v.1-3)

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2. CONVICTION (v.4-5)

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1. CAVES
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3. ACTION (v.6-9)

1 Samuel 24:9-10

9 “Why do you listen to the words of people who say, ‘Look, David intends to harm you’?

10 You can see with your own eyes that the Lord handed you over to me today in the cave. Someone advised me to kill you, but I took pity on you and said: I won’t lift my hand against my lord, since he is the Lord’s anointed.”

1 Samuel 24:16-18

16 “When David finished saying these things to him, Saul replied, “Is that your voice, David my son?” Then Saul wept aloud 17 and said to David, “You are more righteous than I, for you have done what is good to me though I have done what is evil to you. (Continued..)

18 You yourself have told me today what good you did for me: when the Lord handed me over to you, you didn't kill me."

1 Samuel 24:19-22

19 “When a man finds his enemy, does he let him go unharmed? May the Lord repay you with good for what you’ve done for me today.

20 “Now I know for certain you will be king, and the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hand. (Continued..)

21 Therefore swear to me by the Lord that you will not cut off my descendants or wipe out my name from my father's family.” 22 So David swore to Saul.”

James 1:22-27 (MSG)

“Don’t fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear! Those who hear and don’t act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like. (Continued..)

25 But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God—the free life!—even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action. (Continued..)

26-27 Anyone who sets himself up as “religious” by talking a good game is self-deceived. This kind of religion is hot air and only hot air. Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight, and guard against corruption from the godless world.”

1. CAVES

2. CONVICTION

3. ACTION

4. AFFECTION (v.9-11)

(v.11) “See, my father! Look at the corner of your robe in my hand, for I cut it off, but I didn’t kill you.”

1 Samuel 24:11

“Look and recognize that there is no evil or rebellion in me. I haven’t sinned against you even though you are hunting me down to take my life.”

John 18:37

“Pilate said to Him, ‘So You are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say correctly that I am a king For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.’ ”

1 Peter 1:22

"In him there was no deceit." "When he was reviled he did not revile in return," and "there was no deceit in his mouth."

(v.21) “Swear to me by the Lord that you will not cut off my descendants or wipe out my name from my father’s family.”

Reflection Questions:

- What caves have you wondering if God is absent. Tell him.
- Where is the Spirit bringing conviction?
- How is the Holy Spirit calling you to action?
- Will you come to the table to receive the Kings otherworldly affection?

Psalm 89:19-22

You once spoke in a vision to Your loyal ones
and said: "I have granted help to a warrior;
I have exalted one chosen from the people.

20 I have found David My servant;
I have anointed him with My sacred oil.

21 My hand will always be with him,
and My arm will strengthen him.

22 The enemy will not afflict him;
no wicked man will oppress him.

Psalm 89:23-24

I will crush his foes before him
and strike those who hate him.

24 My faithfulness and love will be with him,
and through My name
his horn will be exalted.