

HOW DO YOU HANDLE POWER?

David, Part 6

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David's wilderness lesson:

It's not about me.

God's will, God's way, in God's time.

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 went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "My lord the king!"

...'This day you have seen with your own eyes how the Lord delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the Lord's anointed.'

...'I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life. May the Lord judge between you and me. And may the Lord avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you.'

1 Samuel 24:4-13

(Abishai) "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hands. Now let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I won't strike him twice."

(David) "Don't destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the Lord's anointed and be guiltless?"

...'The Lord rewards everyone for their righteousness and faithfulness. The Lord delivered you into my hands today, but I would not lay a hand on the Lord's anointed. As surely as I valued your life today, so may the Lord value my life and deliver me from all trouble.'

1 Samuel 26:8-24

As surely as the Lord lives, who has delivered me out of every trouble, when someone told me, 'Saul is dead,' and thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and put him to death in Ziklag. That was the reward I gave him for his news! How much more—when wicked men have killed an innocent man in his own house and on his own bed—should I not now demand his blood from your hand and rid the earth of you!"

So David gave an order to his men, and they killed them...

But they took the head of Ish-Bosheth and buried it

2 Samuel 4:9-12

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'We are your own flesh and blood. In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns.'

"And the Lord said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel and you will become their ruler.'"

When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, he made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Lord.

And they anointed him King over Israel. And David was 30 years old and he reigned over Israel for 40 years.

2 Samuel 5:1-4

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

...Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

John 13:3-15

Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:43-45