

FEAR vs FAITH

1 Samuel 19-22; Psalm 34

Central Idea: *In the midst of anxiety and fear we are not to take matters into our own hands but to put our trust in God.*

⌘ No Place for Faith – Opportunities Lost

- Wife – *Michal* (19.11-17)
- Counselor – *Samuel* (19.18ff)
- Friend – *Jonathan* (20.41-42)

⌘ Lacking Faith – Human Strategies

- Plan #1 (20.5-7)
- Plan #2 (21.1-9; 22.11-23)

- Plan #3 (21.10-15)

⌘ Essentials of Faith – Renewed Focus (Ps 34)

- Praise (1-3)
- Prayer (4-7)
- Fear of the Lord (8-11)
- Righteous living (12-17)
- Brokenhearted (18)

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

1. Saul tries to kill David several times. Considering the actions of both men, what does this reveal about faith and fear in each man's heart?
2. Jonathan risks his father's anger to protect David. What kind of faith does it take to stand up for what's right when it costs you personally?
3. How do you see God's hand of protection over David in these chapters? Do you think David recognized God's hand of protection? What can we learn about trusting God's sovereignty in fearful situations?
4. David lied to Achish and pretended to be insane before Achish. How does God's grace meet us even when we falter in fearful circumstances?
5. Where in your life are you most tempted to act out of fear rather than faith?
6. Does faith in God mean we won't be fearful? What is the relationship between the two?
7. What practices help you move from fear toward deeper trust in God? Discuss the five essentials of faith found in Psalm 34. Can you add to the list?

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