



"CHASING DAVID - When You Need to Forgive"

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INTRODUCTION

Sometimes it's really difficult to forgive. Jeremiah reminds us that as a follower of Jesus, we are people who have been forgiven. And people who have been forgiven, forgive people who need forgiveness.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Read 1 Samuel 24:1-15.** Why do you think David was able to restrain himself from taking vengeance on Saul? How do you honestly think you would respond?
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-24.** What does this scripture say to you? Look especially at verse 24. Do you find this difficult to do?
3. Max Lucado wrote *"Vengeances fixes your attention on life's ugliest moments...freezes your stare at cruel events in your past."* Is this where you want to look? Will rehearsing and reliving your hurts make you a better person..." Discuss this as a group.
4. The first key to unlocking the power to forgive is GRACE. **Read 1 Samuel 24:7b-8.** How did David show grace?
5. **Read Romans 12:17-18.** Talk as a group about different ways that you can live at peace with others.
6. **SPEAK TRUTH.** **Read 1 Samuel 24:11b.** What truth was David telling Saul?
7. **SEEK WISDOM.** Rene' Schlaepher wrote in his book *Chasing David*, *"There is a difference between grace and gullibility. There is a difference between forgiveness and trust. You HAVE to forgive people. The Bible commands it. You don't have to trust them."* **Read 1 Samuel 24:16-18.** What did Saul do? **Read 1 Samuel 24:22b.** How did David respond?
8. **TRUST GOD.** **Read 1 Samuel 24:15.** How did David show his trust in God? Discuss how we can do that in our own lives.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. **Colossians 3:13**

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Share prayer requests, and commit to praying for one another until you meet again.

FOR THOSE FOLLOWING ALONG IN THE BOOK

If you or your group has chosen to follow along using the book, hopefully you have read Chapter 4, FINDING POWER TO FORGIVE. Next you will want to read Chapter 5, FINDING HOPE WHEN DREAMS DIE and then join us next weekend as continue our series with a message titled WHEN GOD SAYS NO.

CHASING DAVID DEVOTIONALS

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