

AFTER GODS HEART

For the week of March 22nd, 2026

Mercy in the Cave.

Life

Have you ever had an opportunity that seemed perfect at the time, but later realized it wasn't the right move?

When you're wronged by someone, what is your natural instinct: confront, avoid, get even, or let it go?

David's men were convinced this was God's will, yet David sensed something was off. How do we discern the difference between what seems right and what is right?

Theology

Read 1 Samuel 24:4–7.

- Why does David refuse to harm Saul even when it seems justified?
- What does this reveal about how David understands God's authority and anointing?

Read Romans 12:17–21.

- How does David's response in the cave reflect this New Testament teaching?

Read Psalm 75.

- How does this passage reinforce David's refusal to seize the throne?
- What does it teach about where promotion and power truly come from?

Read Matthew 5:38–44.

- How does David's restraint foreshadow the teachings of Jesus?
- In what ways does Jesus take this even further?

In Practice

Where are we most tempted today to justify the wrong means because the outcome seems right?

“God's purpose for our lives is a gift to be honored.”

- How would your decisions change if you truly saw your life and calling as something to be stewarded rather than seized?

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

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The tension we see in chapter 24 is that of _____ decisions that present themselves as the _____ decision.

Defining Realization for David:

- The kingdom is not something you _____, it's something God _____.

Defining Realization for Saul:

- Through Davids act of strategic _____, Saul finally can understand. God has been raising David up to become King.

A Heart after God's...

- Does not grasp for _____. It relies on the Lord's _____.
- Does not force _____. It relies on God's _____.
- It does not take _____. It relies on God's _____.
- It does not _____ the means for the sake of the end. The way in which you get there _____ tremendously.

If we are going to arrive at the Kingdom space God has carved out for us, then we need to uphold the _____ and _____ of this life that God has given us.

David's Greatest Act of Faith:

- Refusing to become king before the _____ God had prepared.

“One Thing:” _____