



Part 11: The Avenger?

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REVIEW

- Caves are places of Revealing. (Honesty)
- Caves are places of Reliance. (Dependence)
- Caves are places of Refuge. (Love)
- Caves are places of Refining. (Empathy)
- Caves are places of Reassurance. (Faith)

The Next Chapter of the Story

1. THE RESCUE

1 Samuel 23:5 (ESV)- And David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines and brought away their livestock and struck them with a great blow. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

2. THE BETRAYAL

1 Samuel 23:12 (ESV) Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah surrender me and my men into the hand of Saul?" And the Lord said, "They will surrender you."

3. THE PURSUIT

1 Samuel 23:14 (ESV)-And David remained in the strongholds in the wilderness, in the hill country of the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God did not give him into his hand.

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Truths From This Story

1. Not Every Opportunity Is To Be Taken

1 Samuel 24:3-4 (ESV)- And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave.

Circumstances are one way God leads us.

2. People Always Have An Opinion For You

1 Samuel 24:6 (ESV)- And the men of David said to him, "Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you."

Choose which voice you will listen to.

3. Little Things Matter

1 Samuel 24:4b-5 (ESV)-Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe. And afterward David's heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

Pay attention to the Holy Spirit.

4. Minds Can Be Changed

1 Samuel 24:6-7 (ESV)-He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the Lord's anointed. So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul.

Speak up for the things of God.

5. God Will Deal With Rightly With People

1 Samuel 24:12 (ESV)-May the Lord judge between me and you, may the Lord avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you.

Leave it to God to do what He wills.

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Here Is The Point: Blessed are the peacemakers!