

## 1 SAMUEL 24 'TEMPTATION AND TESTING' - Series 'David the man after Gods heart' #6 IBC Eindhoven, Oktober 2019

### THE LORD HAS GIVEN SAUL INTO THE HANDS OF DAVID

1. Davids men: 1 Samuel 24:4
  - This is the day!
  - David was conscience stricken (NIV); David's heart smote him' (KJV)
2. David himself: 1 Samuel 24:10
3. Saul: 1 Samuel 24:18
  - Note: 'delivered'

All regard the circumstances as governed by the Lord. He reigns and our control of life is always subordinate to God's reign.

*Question for group sharing and discussion:*

*How do you view God's presence in the affairs of this world, great and small? Read Proverbs 16:9 - what does this Bible verse mean?*

### SAUL AS THE ANOINTED OF THE LORD

- What determines David's behaviour?
  - Not the circumstances, nor the promises of the Lord, but the law. Many times (in Psalm 119 even 10x) David proclaims in the Psalms : how much do I love your law!
  - 3x David refers to the fact that Saul is the anointed of the Lord: 1 Samuel 24:7 (2x) and verse 11

*Question for group sharing and discussion:*

*Try to identify yourselves with David's men or even David himself. What would you say and do?*

### THE WILL OF THE LORD

1. Bible as the Word of God
  - Ephesians 6:17 and Hebrews 4:12-13
2. Holy Spirit as the Voice of God
  - John 16:13
3. The church (= gathering of baptised believers) as the Discerner
  - 1 Corinthians 14:29

The will of the Lord is about what we must do - the way of the Lord is about what God is doing

### THE WAY OF THE LORD

1. LET GO
  - 1 Samuel 24 teaches us we need not control our future. Read also Psalm 54:4
2. MAKE ROOM FOR GOD
  - Don't just fill your agenda's with eating, sleeping, work, caring, sports and entertainment.
3. PRAY - believing God is having His way with Israel, the world, the church and with you.
  - David made room for God regularly. Read the headings of Psalm 18; 52; 54; 57; 59
  - Jesus prayed regularly. Read Luke 5:16; 6:12; 9:28; 22:41

*Question for group sharing and discussion:*

*\* Reflect together on our time and culture in which we are triggered to grab every occasion and opportunity, or else you'll miss the 'boat'. How does this effect our life with God?*

*\* Share how you try to make room for God. What would you like to change in your life in this area? Pray for each other*