

Life Steps

Six Feet Apart: Forgiveness | April 24 & 25, 2021

Day 1

1 Samuel 18:10-16 | 1 Samuel 24:6

Reflection: Think of how King Saul allowed his brokenness to spill into David's life. Yet, David still forgives Saul. He does this by learning to pray and listen for God's voice. What might God be saying to you about your enemy?

Pray: Father God, show me who my enemy is to you. Show me what you see in them.

Day 2

1 Samuel 18:17-30

Reflection: Saul never was able to deal with the issues from his past. His lack of responsibility spilled over into David's boundary. What issues from your past have you not dealt with that continue to create chaos in your world?

Pray: Father God, you are the author of order, not of chaos. The issue from my past is not a part of the future you have for me. Help me release this burden so I can better serve you.

Day 3

1 Samuel 24:8

Reflection: David has the opportunity to seek revenge. Instead, he seeks redemption. He does this through an act of humility. How might you be able to serve your enemy without them knowing it?

Pray: God, give me the eyes to see my enemy as someone more than my enemy. Teach me to have empathy for the ones that I don't want to have empathy for.

Day 4

1 Samuel 19:1-18

Reflection: Remember, sometimes forgiveness should not lead to reconciliation. David returned to Saul only to find his life in danger again.

Pray: God, teach me the discipline of keeping my boundaries while still working through forgiveness for my enemy.

Day 5

1 Samuel 22:6-19

Reflection: Once again, Saul's past comes back to haunt him, and destruction is quick to follow. What are the things that are left behind you because of your search for redemption or your search for revenge?

Pray: God, give me your heart for redemption. Teach me to not feed into the evil animal of revenge. Forgive me of my brokenness, for the resentment that I've let build up in my spirit.

Day 6

2 Samuel 1:19-27

Reflection: Think about David's passionate prayer of grief over the death of Saul. Think about it in light of the numerous acts of violence Saul sent towards David. Think about the power of transformation in David's heart because of his relationship with God.

Pray: God, teach me to have the utmost respect and reverence for the gift of life, regardless of who holds it. Teach me to value life because it comes from you; not because of who holds it.

Day 7

Psalms 32:1-7

Reflection: Remember, forgiveness is a self-care and a selfless act. Forgiveness is a gift, a grace from God and God alone. Lean into this grace today.

Pray: God, thank you for your never-ending grace, for your mercies I find every day. Teach me to be forgiving of others the way you are of me.