

[SERMON NOTES]

Two Wrongs Don't Make a Right... and Neither do Three!

(1 Samuel 21:1-9, 22:9-23)

Sermon Notes:

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

Over the course of our lives we often see or experience or hear stories of people doing things, whether good or bad, that are inevitably followed by consequences, that also may be good or bad. **Tell a story from your life or share an experience where something that happened ended up having significant consequences.**

[DIGGING DEEPER]

This week, we were given another glimpse of the weakness of David despite his desire to pursue God above all else. We see that in the midst of running from Saul, and in the face of danger, instead of trusting God he lies to Ahimelek in order to stay safe, which in the end gets this faithful priest and his whole family killed. We have surely all felt like we are on the run from something in life, likely not physical danger, but maybe other things. **What kind of circumstances have you faced, or would you have to face, that might tempt you to lie or deceive like David did in order to secure your own safety?**

Saul's response to David's deception was one of wrath and jealousy and violence. David's response to his own sin was one of humility, honesty, and responsibility. He admitted his mistake to the sole survivor of Saul's priestly massacre and took him under his protection. **What makes confessing sin or admitting fault so difficult for people to do? What in particular is hardest for you?**

Read one or two of the following Psalms. What can we learn from David's response in prayer before God when he is facing trials and circumstances of various kinds, including his own sin and failure?

Psalm 34

Psalm 52

Psalm 56

Repentance is our core response to the Good News of Jesus. In fact, repentance is Jesus' *first* command in the Gospel of Mark in response to the Kingdom's arrival (Mark 1:14-15). It is our realignment with the King, our change of heart and direction in life, and our decision to rethink what we thought we knew and submit to the One who is Truth. **What areas of your life have you felt the Holy Spirit prompting you to repent—to change your ways, to realign your thoughts and actions to Jesus' Way?**

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: *What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?*

1 Samuel 21-22

Psalm 52

1 John 1

Psalm 34