

1 SAMUEL 26; April 10; David Spares Saul As He Slept

ANALYSIS:

1. How did David know Saul was searching for him?

2. Who went with David secretly into Saul's camp and asked permission to kill Saul but was denied? _____

3. David said no one could kill Saul and be guiltless, but the LORD would take Saul in one of what three ways? _____, _____, _____.

4. How could David and Abishai get into the center of Saul's camp and not be detected? _____

5. When Saul knew David had spared his life again, what confession and promise did he make? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

David made a public spectacle of Abner, Saul's chief of staff and personal bodyguard, because of his glaring failure. Abner's position and responsibility made him accountable for protecting Saul that night. He deserved to die for dereliction of duty.

Some discipline or correction (chastening) should be public, visible and known. The apostle Paul wrote, in the context addressing elders in the church: "Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear" I Tim 5:20. This principal has application in the family, under civil laws, in the work place and with church members.

However, can you recognize and avoid making a public spectacle of a confessed sin or failure, when to do so would unnecessarily spread the evil and/or satisfy someone's desire to gloat over that person.

HELP:

1. David sent out spies to watch Saul (v 4).

2. Abishai (vs 7-8).

3. The LORD shall smite him, or he shall die naturally or he shall perish in battle (v 10).

4. The LORD caused a deep sleep to fall on all in Saul's camp (v 12).

5. I have sinned, played the fool and erred exceedingly. I will no more do thee harm (v 21).