

Don't Take Matters Into Your Own Hands

1 Samuel 24

When life doesn't turn out as we hoped, we can become frustrated and impatient. We are tempted to take control and force our will in our time. In 1 Samuel 24, David provides an example of how to resist that temptation.

❑ Setting (1-3)

❑ Rather than take matters into our own hands, we need to do what is right and wait for God's timing (4-15)

Don't rationalize (4)

Listen to your conscience (5)

Don't ignore God's instructions (6)

Resist peer pressure (7)

Graciously speak the truth (8-11)

Honor the position even if you can't honor the person (10)

Trust God for the outcome (12-15)

❑ Saul and David settle for a temporary peace (16-22)

Saul exonerates David (16-17)

Saul recognizes that David's strategy defied military logic (18-19)

Saul acknowledges that David will become king (20)

Saul asks for mercy for his family (21)

Saul and David go their separate ways (22)

❑ Principles to practice

Respect the people God has placed over you

Accept God's plan

Accept God's timing