

# PATHFINDERS

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### DAVID SPARES SAUL'S LIFE 24/05/20



<p>Intro...</p>	<p><i>David, God's chosen but not-yet king, defeated the Philistine champion Goliath. Saul was still on the throne but becoming more and more paranoid and unstable. Jonathan, Saul's son and David's friend discovers Saul plans to kill David. Despite family loyalty and the fact that Jonathan would expect to be next in line to the throne, he warns David - acknowledging that he is God's chosen king.</i></p>
<p>Read...</p>	<p><i>1 Samuel 24&amp;26 - or listen to it here. Find out what happens next - friendship, jealousy, rage, plots, escape - a lot happens!</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/1Sam.24">https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/1Sam.24</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/1Sam.26">https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/suchet/nivuk/1Sam.26</a></p> <p><i>If you want a short cartoon summary watch this!</i></p>  <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JR49zLwr0oY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JR49zLwr0oY</a></p>
<p>Listen...</p>	<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_aVFVveJNs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_aVFVveJNs</a></p>  <p><b>"TRUST IN YOU"</b> <b>BY LAUREN DAIGLE</b></p> <p><i>A great song by Lauren Daigle - David had to trust God that he would keep his promises even though things seemed to be going wrong. He did the</i></p>

	<p><i>right thing and spared Saul's life because he knew his future was in God's hands.</i></p>
<p><b>Think...</b></p>	<p><i>Saul took 3000 men to find David - and kill him. David's chance came when he went "to relieve himself" (for a wee!!) in the cave David and his men were hiding in...</i></p> <p><i>24:4 What did his men want David to do? What did David do? What would you have done?</i></p> <p><i>24:5 How does David feel about what he has done? V6 Why? He knew Saul was still the king.</i></p> <p><i>When he told Saul what he had done why was Saul so surprised? V18-19</i></p> <p><i>What did Saul know about David? V20</i></p> <p><i>What did Saul ask? What did he promise? V21-22</i></p> <p><i>In chapter 26 we see that Saul broke his promise and was out hunting for David again - but David kept his promise. Once again he had his chance to kill Saul - he spared his life again.</i></p> <p><i>Jesus was God's promised king that David pointed towards. Powerful people didn't treat him like God's King but wanted to kill him. Like David Jesus trusted that God was in control and that he could trust God's promises. He did the right thing, showed mercy and forgiveness however badly he was treated.</i></p> <p><i>We can trust God too. Things might seem unfair. ~People might treat us badly, but we know that God is in control and that our part is to live in a way that pleases him - showing mercy and forgiving others.</i></p> <p><i>When do you find it hardest to forgive people? Ask God to help you now.</i></p>
<p><b>Pray...</b></p>	<p>Jesus said, "Be merciful just as your Father (God) is merciful." Luke 6:36. Mercy means no giving people what they deserve. God is merciful – we treat Him and other people badly but he forgives us. He wants us to treat others the same.</p> <p>Who could you show mercy to this week? What will that look like? We might think our family treats us unfairly. Perhaps people are unkind on social media. Be like David. Be like Jesus. Give them a break. Trust God and treat them like God treats you. Pray for those people who you think are giving you a hard time. Perhaps they are struggling in lockdown. Maybe they are stressed, worried, bored...</p>