



1 Samuel 24-25

How do we treat those who have not treated us well?

*not talking about abuse situations tonight

Romans 12:17-19

- We don't seek to get people back
- we show honor, even when they don't deserve it
- we seek to live at peace
- We let God be the judge and deal with them

What does it look like to show honor?

1 Samuel 24 - David spares Saul

-David is still hiding in a cave so Saul doesn't kill him

ver 3

- Saul goes into a cave to relieve himself
- He doesn't realize David and his men are in the cave

ver 4

- David's men tell David to kill Saul
- David only cuts off the corner of Saul's

ver 5

- Rather than kill Saul David feels bad that he even cut off the corner of his robe
- David seeks to honor the king, even though the king is trying to kill him
- God had placed Saul in authority over David and David honors that even though Saul doesn't deserve it
- Eventually, God will kill Saul

How do we show honor?

- *Show respect and honor to those God has put over us, even if they may not deserve it
- **This doesn't mean we let someone abuse us

1 Samuel 25 - Abigail saves Nabal

ver 4-8

- David asks Nabal for some food for his men
- Nabal is rich
- David's men have been protecting Nabal's men in the wilderness
- It's a feast day already, so, Nabal is already preparing a bunch of food
- The expectation is that you would care for a traveler

ver 10-11

-Nabal gives a rough answer and declines to help him

ver 13

-David heads out to kill Nabal

ver 18-20

- Abigail hears about what is happening
- She gathers a bunch of supplies and takes them to David
- Her intervention saves Nabal from being killed by David
- She cares for and protects Nabal even though he doesn't deserve it
- This could have been her opportunity to be free from Nabal
- God eventually kills Nabal and frees Abigail from him

How do we show honor?

*Care for those who do not deserve care from us

How are we doing at showing honor?

-It is easy to show honor to those who have been good to us and "earned" honor

-How are you doing with leaders who are bad leaders?

-How are you doing with caring for those that are hard to care about?

Small Group

1) What are some ways you show honor to people in your life?

2) Why is it hard to show honor to some people?

3) What can you be doing different this week to show honor to someone around you?

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