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## "Oppurtunity"

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1 Samuel 24

The Lord provides and allows all opportunity. The difficulty is knowing what to do with the opportunity that He presents. In this chapter, David is presented an opportunity. The king who is pursuing David to kill him, Saul, is in a defenseless position right in front of David. He has the element of surprise. David could have ended Saul, which would have been common for the time, and was even encouraged by his friends. Could this be the Lord's will for David? Could the Lord have delivered Saul into his hands? How do we discern what to do?

Just as David chose, we choose above all to honor God. To do as Micah 6:8 tells us, seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our Lord. Had David chosen to kill Saul, this would have solved all of David's immediate needs. David's life would be safe. The kingdom would be his. But he would have sacrificed his integrity and damaged his standing among the people, and worse, before the Lord. So he chose to honor God.

In all cases, when we are faced with a choice, we must first seek to honor the Lord. No matter who is telling us something is the Lords will, we need to honor the Lord. David knew killing Saul was against the Lords Word concerning His anointed. So we must know His Word, and know His heart. David sought to bring the Lord glory, not himself immediate safety or relief. And the Lord honored this decision and made David into a great king.

We must know the Word, and practice making decisions to honor God above all else, even if it doesn't make sense to those around us or if it is difficult. Seek ways to honor Him in all we do.

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