

“Being A Person Of Conviction And Resolve”
1 Samuel 26:1-25

Conviction: *The state of being convinced and confident that something is true.*

Resolved: *Firmly and unshakably determined to do something.*

Vow: *A solemn promise made to God to perform or to abstain from performing a certain thing.*

“And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. Saul swore, ‘As the LORD lives, he [David] shall not be put to death’” (1 Samuel 19:6). “As the proverb of the ancients says, ‘Out of the wicked comes wickedness.’ But my hand shall not be against you” (1 Samuel 24:13).

“O LORD, who shall sojourn in Your tent? Who shall dwell on Your holy hill?...[he] who swears to his own hurt and does not change” (Psalm 15:1,4). “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn’....Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil” (Matthew 5:33,37). “But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your ‘yes’ be yes and your ‘no’ be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation” (James 5:12).

- 1 Samuel 26:1-5: Saul is at the mercy of his unrepentant sin — (1 Samuel 24:16-17).
 - *“But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.” (James 3:14-16; 1 Samuel 18:6-16).*
 - *“Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the LORD!” (Isaiah 31:1)*
- 1 Samuel 26:6-12: David’s faith in God.
 - This is not the first time that two men went fearlessly behind enemy lines (1 Samuel 14:6-7; 1 Chronicles 2:16; 2 Samuel 23:18-19).
 - *“See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god beside Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of My hand.” (Deuteronomy 32:39; Genesis 2:21; Genesis 15:12)*
 - *“Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.” (1 Peter 4:19)*
- 1 Samuel 26:13-20: David’s defense of his innocence.
 - David appeals to his innocence in front of all the people and points to the guilt of Abner, the men who keep stirring up Saul to come against David, and Saul himself (Deuteronomy 19:15-19).
 - The consequence of the sinful behavior of his fellow countrymen is leading to David enjoying the full blessings of God in his life, namely, the free worship of God and the delight in God’s people, and God’s land.
- 1 Samuel 26:21-25: Saul’s repentance.
 - **Saul’s genuine repentance:** 1) An admittance of sinning against God. 2) A desire for relational reconciliation. 3) A desire to stop sinning. 4) A repentance to the individual that you have sinned against.
 - **David’s source of conviction and resolve:** 1) The LORD is in control of all things. 2) The LORD rewards holy behavior. 3) The LORD will judge all things righteously.

Announcements:

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner THIS Sunday, February 12th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**PAINTING VOLUNTEERS:** On Friday, March 10th, and Saturday, March 11th, from 8am to 4pm we will be painting the church entryway! We are looking for people to volunteer for at least one of the two hour time slots on one or both of those days! There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to help us with this project. All of the supplies will be provided, we just need able bodied volunteers who are willing to give us a couple hours of their time to paint during that weekend. If you have any questions, please see Emily Decker.