

MAIN POINT

God expects us to choose the right thing, even if the wrong thing is more comfortable.

INTRODUCTION

At what times in life do you feel the most confident in who you are or what you're doing? When do you feel the least confident? Why?

What is the key difference between confidence in God and other kinds of confidence we may feel?

Saul was never fully confident in God's plans for his life. He was wrought with feelings of insecurity and inadequacy in his position as king, stemming from a lack of trust in God. David, on the other hand, knew who he was and could live freely out of God's promises because he didn't have to prove himself to anyone. His confidence was in God and the call upon his life. When we are confident in God and His purposes in our lives, we can choose the right thing even if the wrong thing is more comfortable.

DISCUSSION

> **READ 1 SAMUEL 24:1-12.**

What was the source of the pressure on David to take matters into his own hands and kill Saul? What does that type of pressure look like in our lives today?

In verse 4, David's men encouraged him to take advantage of Saul's vulnerability. How might David have convinced himself that it was right to eliminate Saul at this opportunity?

What do we learn about David's character from these verses?

David chose the uncomfortable hard thing, and it ended up being the right, God-honoring decision. What most often tempts you to choose the comfortable over the uncomfortable?

How does showing respect toward human authority, even when they are wrong, show our trust in God's authority? How does this display wisdom?

How did David show humility in these verses? Why is humility necessary in order to walk in God-honoring ways in a world of turmoil and chaos?

What specific characteristics of God did David highlight when he spoke to Saul? Why does a knowledge of and confidence in God's character lead us to do good instead of evil toward others?

Are you as content as David seemed to be to simply let God effect His will, His way, in His time? Or are you likely to "help God out" in some way? Give a recent example.

APPLICATION

Where do you need to choose the right thing, even if not the most comfortable thing, according to God's wisdom this week?