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**A Study In 1 Samuel**  
"Overcoming Evil With Good"  
1 Samuel 24

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Introduction: As we continue our journey through 1 Samuel, we come to an unexpected story.

1. David is on the run; Saul is seeking his life.
2. It's a total injustice, but David's reality.
3. Given the circumstances, it would be understandable for David to view and treat Saul as an enemy.
4. That is not what we see. There is a great lesson here.
5. The bible teaches us to overcome evil with good.
6. This is exactly what we see David do.
7. As we consider his example, we can learn to do the same today.

I. The Story

- A. Saul's Aggression
- B. Saul's Vulnerability
- C. David's Character
- D. David's Challenge

II. The Lessons

- A. Refuse "Pay Back"

- B. Pursue Peace
- C. Trust God
- D. Do Good
- E. Resist Evil

Conclusion: Saul was changed as a result of David's action.

- He owned his wrongdoing.
  - He stopped pursuing David (if only temporarily).
  - He recognized and accepted David as the next king.
1. David looked beyond the moment, the evil, to what could be if God had a chance to work.
  2. He gave God some tools to work with.
  3. We can do the same thing.
    - It may not be easy.
    - It is very much needed.
  4. Evil will never be overcome by more evil, greater, stronger evil.
  5. If we want to eradicate evil, we must overcome it with good.