
A Study In 1 Samuel

"Bold Love"

1 Samuel 26

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Introduction: Today as we continue our study in 1 Samuel, we will do something a bit different.

1. Over the years I have often recommended the book "Bold Love" by Dan Allender and Tremper Longman.
 - The premise of the book is simple, we are called to love others as we love ourselves, including even our enemies.
 - This sounds simple, but it really isn't, because in many ways we do not understand what it means to love.
 - We easily view love as nice, yielding to the desires of others, being agreeable, forgiving and forgetting, unconditional acceptance, etc.
2. There is much more to love.
 - Love calls us to set aside our personal agendas and humbly move into the world of others with their wellbeing in view.
 - Love is to be redemptive, transformational. It's not about being comfortable, it's about giving God the chance to work.
3. Love can never be "one size fits all". Different people, different circumstances, require different responses.
4. Here in chapter 26, we will see David demonstrating bold love under very difficult circumstances.

I. Saul: A Mixture Of Evil And Foolishness

A. The Character Of Foolishness

B. The Character Of Evil

II. David: An Example Of Bold Love

A. David Established Safe Boundaries

B. David Exposed/Confronted Evil

C. David Gave The Gift Of Disappointment

D. David Gave The Opportunity To Repent

E. David Gave The Gift Of Excommunication

Conclusion: Not too many people ever experience what David faced in relationship with Saul.

1. Every one of us is flawed and has acted in evil/foolish ways towards others.
2. Every one of us has dealt with evil/foolish sinners.
3. To love boldly we must start by confronting the inner diseases of our own hearts.
4. Then and only then can we relate to others in a way God can use to initiate real change!