

SAUL CHASES DAVID

God showed David that he had nothing to fear.

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Have you ever prayed for an enemy or someone who doesn't like you? Listen to a story about David and Saul.

1. In [Matthew 5:44](#), Jesus says, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Have you ever prayed for an enemy or someone who doesn't like you?
2. Jesus clearly teaches us to love and pray for those who stand in our way. As you listen to this episode, think about all the times Saul stood in David's way and all the ways David loved Saul even though Saul was his enemy.

Memory Verse

"This day you have seen with your own eyes how the Lord delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the Lord's anointed.'"

1 Samuel 24:10

After You Listen

It might feel strange to think about having an enemy. But there will always be people who don't like you for some reason. These people might even stand in the way of what God wants you to do. Saul chased David all over Israel, trying to kill him. He was David's enemy—getting in the way of what God intended for David to do. But David wouldn't return hatred with hatred. Saul tried to kill him, and even so, when David had the chance to get rid of Saul, he wouldn't do it. He loved Saul and his family and didn't want anything bad to happen to him. He realized that to do anything to hurt Saul would be to sin against God. So, when Saul was killed in battle, David mourned for him.

When people make your life hard, God wants you to love and pray for them instead of hating them. Love is God's response to anger and hatred. He wants you to share his love with everyone, even those who seem hard to love.

You can read more about David in the books of [1 Samuel](#) and [2 Samuel](#). Want to dig deeper and learn more about loving your enemies? Check out [Matthew 7:12](#), [1 Corinthians 13:4-8](#), and [Romans 13:8-10](#).

Challenge

One thing that David helped remember what God wanted him to do was to write poems and songs to God. Today, we can read many of them in the book of Psalms. One of the Psalms that you heard in this episode was [Psalm 23](#). Memorize [Psalm 23](#) so you can always remember who God is and what he has done for you.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: What did the priest Ahimelech give to David when he was in need?

Answer: Bread and a sword (Goliath's sword specifically).

Question 2: Who was David's friend who found him in the wilderness and comforted him?

Answer: Jonathan.

Question 3: What did David take from Saul as he stood in the cave David was hiding in?

Answer: A piece of his royal robe.

Question 4: What did David and Abashai take from Saul as he slept in his camp?

Answer: Saul's spear and water jug.

Question 5: What did David and his friends call Jerusalem after they conquered it?

Answer: The City of David.
