

I. In the cave

- A. Fleeing and hiding
- B. Saul's campaign (see Deuteronomy 17:14; 1 Samuel 8:5, 20)
- C. Nature calls (see Deuteronomy 23:12-14)

II. The conversation

- A. "David's heart struck him" (see 1 Samuel 15:28)
- B. David's humility
- C. Saul's confession
- D. An oath of mercy

III. We learn ...

- A. Desire and opportunity (an "open door") are not enough reason to do something
- B. The right attitude toward those who wrong us
- C. Tears and confession don't always make for lasting repentance
- D. There are two ways you can react when you know that you are going to be replaced (see John 3:30; Revelation 12:12b)

IV. Jonah and Paul

- A. *Love is always costly*. No cost, no love.
- B. Jonah and the Ninevites (Jonah 1:1-3)
- C. Paul in Ephesus (Acts 20:26-27; see also 9:4-5)
- D. You can only *give* undeserved love if you've *been given* undeserved love.

V. Learning to love our enemies

- A. It is pretty clear here that David is not normal people.
- B. David is loving his neighbor as himself
- C. The cross makes us able to treat our persecutors/ enemies/ attackers with love.
- D. To "fear God" is to see the depth of my rebellion against him and his love for me.
- E. What is your approach to your enemies? (see Matthew 5:44)
- F. Help in the wilderness
- G. "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." (1 John 4:18)