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Acts 13:22 But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'

Saul - Difficult People
1 Samuel 16:1 - 2 Samuel 1:27

In God's Timing

1 Samuel 26:9 "No!" David said. "Don't kill him. For who can remain innocent after attacking the Lord's anointed one?"

10 Surely the Lord will strike Saul down someday, or he will die of old age or in battle.

To Take Matters Into Your Own Hands

1 Samuel 24:9 Then he shouted to Saul, "Why do you listen to the people who say I am trying to harm you?"

10 This very day you can see with your own eyes it isn't true. For the Lord placed you at my mercy back there in the cave. Some of my men told me to kill you, but I spared you. For I said, 'I will never harm the king—he is the Lord's anointed one.'

Authority

1 Samuel 24:6 He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this to my lord the king. I shouldn't attack the Lord's anointed one, for the Lord himself has chosen him."

1 Peter 2:13 For the Lord's sake, submit to all human authority—whether the king as head of state,

14 or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right.

15 It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you.

16 For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil.

17 Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king.

Your Motives

- 2 Samuel 22:21 The Lord rewarded me for doing right; he restored me because of my innocence.
- 22 For I have kept the ways of the Lord; I have not turned from my God to follow evil.
- 23 I have followed all his regulations; I have never abandoned his decrees.
- 24 I am blameless before God; I have kept myself from sin.
- 25 The Lord rewarded me for doing right. He has seen my innocence.
- 26 "To the faithful you show yourself faithful; to those with integrity you show integrity.
- 27 To the pure you show yourself pure, but to the crooked you show yourself shrewd.
- 28 You rescue the humble, but your eyes watch the proud and humiliate them.
- 29 O Lord, you are my lamp. The Lord lights up my darkness.
- 30 In your strength I can crush an army; with my God I can scale any wall.
- 31 "God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.

Open To God Working In Your Life

- 2 Samuel 22:7 But in my distress I cried out to the Lord; yes, I cried to my God for help. He heard me from his sanctuary; my cry reached his ears.

Luke 6:27 "But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you.

- 28 Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.
- 29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also.
- 30 Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back.
- 31 Do to others as you would like them to do to you.
- 32 "If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them!
- 33 And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much!
- 34 And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return.
- 35 "Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked.
- 36 You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.