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 lift my hand against my master, because he is the LORD's anointed.'

¹¹ See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. Now understand and recognize that I am not guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life. ¹² May the LORD judge between you and me.

And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you.

As the old saying goes, 'From evildoers come evil deeds,' so my hand will not touch you. ¹⁴ "Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom are you pursuing? A dead dog? A flea? ¹⁵ May the LORD be our judge and decide between us. May he consider my cause and uphold it; may he vindicate me by delivering me from your hand."

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FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

David, part 1 From Shepherd to King

The Story—part 11
1 Samuel 16—2 Samuel 10
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God's upper story. God wants to be with us and will pay any price to make it so.

A man after God's heart

Acts 13:22...when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king; of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'

I Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

- 12 ... "Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he."
- ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and <u>anointed him</u> in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward....

Chronicles 17:7 "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people Israel.

David v. Goliath

1 Samuel 17:37 The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

- ⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you <u>in the name of the LORD Almighty</u>, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.
- ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.
- ⁴⁷ <u>All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves</u>; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."
- ⁴⁸ As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, <u>David ran</u> <u>quickly toward the battle line</u> to meet him.

1 Samuel 17:49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Waiting on God; dealing with King Saul; "The Fugitive"

1 Samuel 18:6 When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes. As they danced, they

sang: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands."

⁸ Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" ⁹ And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

¹⁰ The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully upon Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the harp, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand ¹¹ and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

God's plan, God's way

1 Samuel 24:4 The men said, "This is the day the LORD spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish." Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

⁵ Afterward, David was <u>conscience-stricken</u> for having cut off a corner of his robe.

⁶ He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, or lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the LORD."

⁷ With these words David rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.

⁸ Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. ⁹ He said to Saul, "Why do you listen when men say, 'David is bent on harming you'? ¹⁰ This day you have seen with your own eyes