

MESSY-ER

Address The Mess Series, Part 4

October 1, 2017

You will only make your mess worse unless _____

“¹After Saul returned from fighting the Philistines, he was told that David had gone into the wilderness of En-gedi. ²So Saul chose 3,000 elite troops from all Israel and went to search for David and his men near the rocks of the wild goats. ³At the place where the road passes some sheepfolds, Saul went into a cave to relieve himself. But as it happened, David and his men were hiding farther back in that very cave! ^{4a}‘Now’s your opportunity!’ David’s men whispered to him. ‘Today the Lord is telling you, “I will certainly put your enemy into your power, to do with as you wish.”’”
1 Samuel 24:1-4a

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“^{4b}So David crept forward and cut off a piece of the hem of Saul’s robe. ⁵But then David’s conscience began bothering him because he had cut Saul’s robe. ⁶‘The Lord knows I shouldn’t have done that to my lord the king,’ he said to his men. ‘The Lord forbid that I should do this to my lord the king and attack the Lord’s anointed one, for the Lord himself has chosen him.’ ^{7a}So David restrained his men and did not let them kill Saul.” 1 Samuel 24:4b-7a

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“^{7b}After Saul had left the cave and gone on his way, ⁸David came out and shouted after him, ‘My lord the king!’ And when Saul looked around, David bowed low before him. ⁹Then he shouted to Saul, ‘Why do you listen to the people who say I am trying to harm you? ¹⁰This 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.” ¹¹Look, my father, at what I have in my hand. It is a piece of the hem of your robe! I cut it off, but I didn’t kill you. This proves that I am not trying to harm you and that I have not sinned against you, even though you have been hunting for me to kill me. ¹²May the Lord judge between us. Perhaps the Lord will punish you for what you are trying to do to me, but I will never harm you.” 1 Samuel 24:7b-12

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NEXT WEEK...



What does it look like to follow Jesus? People ask that a lot. And the answer is, it’s different for everyone. But those who accept the invitation begin the journey of their lives and over time, usually at a slow pace, God does incredible things in their relationships, in their finances, in their families, in their careers, etc. Join us October 8 for this stand-alone message about what it looks like to follow Jesus.

Weekly Financial Report Sept. 18 - 25, 2017

Tithes & Offerings: \$16,147

Weekly Budget: \$17,154

Reaching Project Goal: \$150,000
Given to date: \$119,389