

God's wisdom often comes through unexpected voices.

"He had the solution before you had the problem."
- Haven't Seen It Yet
- Danny Gokey

Hannah said...
the LORD is a God who knows."
- 1 Samuel 2:3

DAVID'S PEOPLE

David's army had grown to about 600 men.
Add their wives & children...
David probably had easily over 1000 people.

THEY WERE IN THE DESERT WASTELAND

NEAR JESHIMON

How were 1000+ people surviving in the desert?

God had the solution before David had the problem.

THE KING'S SPEAR

1 SAMUEL 26

LAST WEEK: 1 SAMUEL 25

ABIGAIL'S WISDOM

Abigail's wisdom was a reminder that... remember that...

the battle is the LORD'S.

- ✓ The LORD provided food & water.
- ✓ The LORD dealt with Nabal.
- ✓ David married Abigail.
(Marriage connected families & resources together.)

NOW: 1 SAMUEL 26

SAUL IS SEARCHING AGAIN



Saul came with 3000 of his elite soldiers to search for David in the wilderness, near Jeshimon.

1 SAMUEL 26:7-8

DAVID'S WORDS TO SAUL

1 SAMUEL 26:18-22

- ♥ "What have I done? What am I guilty of?"
- ♥ "Is it the LORD, or your people who put you against me?"
- ♥ "Your own people have driven me away and said, 'Go serve other gods.'"
- ♥ Here is the king's spear."

The LORD rewards everyone for their righteousness, and faithfulness.
- 1 Samuel 26:23

Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hands. Now let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of the spear."
- 1 Samuel 26:8

"one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear"
- John 19:34

"They will look on the one they have pierced"
- Zechariah 12:10

So David and Abishai went to the army by night, and there was Saul, lying asleep inside the camp with his spear stuck in the ground near his head.
- 1 Samuel 26:7

THE LORD SHATTERS THE SPEAR

"He makes war cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear."
- Psalm 46:9

"The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."
- Psalm 46:11



THE KING'S SPEAR

This isn't just any spear... this is the king's spear.

- ✂ Saul threw this spear at David... twice.
- 👑 He used it to try to kill his own son.
- 👑 He had it when he ordered the priests at Nob to be killed.
- 👑 He used it while searching for David in the wilderness.



THE SPEAR SYMBOLIZES:

- 👑 VIOLENCE
- 👑 POWER
- 👑 FEAR
- 👑 EVEN DEATH ITSELF

SAUL'S RESPONSE

1 SAMUEL 26:21



- ★ "I have sinned."
- ★ "You have considered my life precious."
- ★ "I will not try to harm you again."
- ★ "I have acted like a fool."
- ★ "You will surely triumph."

SAUL USED THE SPEAR FOR VIOLENCE:

DAVID WALKED AWAY FROM THE SPEAR.

JESUS RECEIVED THE SPEAR AND GAVE HIS LIFE ON OUR BEHALF.

THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION RENDERS THE SPEAR POWERLESS.



MAIN TAKEAWAY:

When we trust the LORD, He gives us the strength to walk away from the spear.

Seeking God's Kingdom — Going Deeper

Part 25 — “The King's Spear” — 5.24.26

Main Scripture: 1 Samuel 26

→ God's Wisdom Through Unexpected Voices — 1 Samuel 25–26

- God's wisdom often comes through unexpected voices
 - Hannah declared that “the LORD is a God who knows” (1 Samuel 2:3)
 - Abigail reminded David that the battle is the LORD's (1 Sam 25:24-31)
- Marriage in the ancient world often connected families, land, and resources together

→ The King's Spear — 1 Samuel 26:7–12

- Saul's spear appears throughout 1 Samuel (13:22, 18:10, 19:9-10, 20:33, 22:6, 26:7)
- Saul's spear became a symbol of power through violence
- In the narrative, the spear symbolizes violence, fear, power, and even death itself

→ David Chooses the Wisdom of the LORD — 1 Samuel 26:9–15

- (vv9–11) David refused to lay a hand on “the LORD's anointed.”
- David trusted the LORD to fight his battles instead of grasping for power himself

→ The LORD's Inheritance and Loyal Faithfulness — 1 Samuel 26:16–24

- (v19) “the LORD's inheritance” = the land of Israel
- In the biblical worldview, nations were connected to spiritual authority (gods)
- “Go, serve other gods” = “You don't belong among the LORD's people anymore”
- (v23) “righteousness” = doing right by others | “faithfulness” = loyalty (trustworthy)

→ Walking Away from the Spear — 1 Samuel 26; Psalm 46; John 19

- David gave the symbol of violence back to its rightful owner
- “It is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves” (1 Samuel 17:47)
- The LORD “shatters the spear” (Psalm 46:9)
- Jesus was pierced by the spear after giving His life for us (John 19:34–37)
- Through the resurrection of Jesus, the spear has been rendered powerless

→ **Main Takeaway:** When we trust the LORD, He gives us the strength to walk away from the spear.

→ **Next Step:** What would it look like this week to trust the LORD enough to walk away from the spear instead of reacting out of fear, anger, or the desire for control?