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1 Samuel 26:8 Says:

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; I won't strike him twice."

Abishai is the kind of guy you want to have your back. Loyal and good in a fight. Abishai had been with David in battle, mourned with him, and supported David's claim to the throne that had been given by God Himself. Abishai makes a good point, this is not the first time that Saul had been put into David's hand. Last time, in a cave David had shown him mercy. How was David repaid? They were now hunted again. I'm sure Abishai remembered how troubled David had been after cutting off a piece of Saul's robe, so he offered a solution, "I'll get the job done, it will be quick and painless. This is obviously what God wants."

But David understood how God's way of leadership worked, principles unseen by loyal Abishai.

1 Samuel 26:9-11

But David said to Abishai, "Don't destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the LORD's anointed and be guiltless? As surely as the LORD lives," he said, "the LORD himself will strike him, or his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. But the LORD forbid that I should lay a hand on the LORD's anointed."

David understood that his right to rule stemmed from God, just as Saul's did. If God said he will be king, David knew it would happen. He trusted in God's timing, trusted in God's planning, in God's selection of flawed humans. The kingship was not a matter that had to be resolved between David and Saul, but instead David and God. David shows us this in verse 24:

"As surely as I valued your life today, so may the LORD value my life and deliver me from all trouble."

David wasn't looking for the blessing of an earthly monarch, He wanted that from the King of Kings.



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Many of us would love to be used by God as David was, but here is the question, are we willing to submit like David did? Our capacity to lead is determined by our willingness to follow.

We do not see David speak to Saul with disrespect, but instead love. David lives in exile, because he knows what land God has called him to, and though his path is marked by hardship, he looks for God's plan, refusing easy compromises.

So now I ask you, my brothers and sisters, how will we allow God to use us? How much are we willing to go through before we say, "I have had enough"?

Will we let other peoples' actions to determine our path, do we focus on the pain they have caused us, or do we remember who we are, and who we serve?

We are Honorbound disciples of Jesus Christ, we have a job to do, and God's glory is waiting for us at the end of this road. Let's go all the way.