

---

## SERMON OUTLINE

---

### When we feel like taking revenge

1 Samuel 24, 26

- I. David has opportunity to kill Saul who had tried multiple times to kill him (1 Samuel 24).  
Story – At the desert oasis of En Gedi, David has opportunity to retaliate against Saul in a cave.
- Other people will often urge us to retaliate (4).
  - God speaks to us in our conscience about retaliation (5).
  - Our job is not to punish but to relinquish control of vindication to God. (14; Romans 12:17-21).
  - God can bring conviction to others when we avoid retaliation (16-18).
- II. David's has a second opportunity to kill Saul in revenge for Saul's attempts on his life.  
Story – In the desert of Ziph, David has another chance to retaliate against Saul while he slept.
- There is no guarantee we can change someone's heart by showing grace (1-2; Matthew 5:44-46).
  - God can work miraculously when we are careful not to usurp God's place of vindication (12).
  - What seems to be opportunity for retaliation is often just an opportunity to expose sin (21).
  - God honors those who leave the timing of justice to him (22-25).

---

Open Door Bible Church 7-6-14

---