

10 LESSONS FOR A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE

#6 RESIST REVENGE

1 Samuel 24:1-7

1. Life isn't always _____, and people aren't always _____.

1 Samuel 24:1-4 (NLT) After Saul returned from fighting the Philistines, he was told that David had gone into the wilderness of En-gedi. So 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. At 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! "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.'" So David crept forward and cut off a piece of the hem of Saul's robe.

- 2 Samuel 1:17-27
- 2 Timothy 4:9-18
- Matthew 5:11-12

2. Get hurt + get even = an _____ life equation.

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do this to my lord the king and attack the Lord's anointed one, for the Lord himself has chosen him." So David restrained his men and did not let them kill Saul. After Saul had left the cave and gone on his way.

- Leviticus 19:18
- 1 Peter 3:9
- Ephesians 4:26-27
- Proverbs 20:22
- Hebrews 12:15

3. Get hurt + give grace = the _____ and _____ way to live!

Matthew 18:35 (TPT) In this same way, my heavenly Father will deal with any of you if you do not release forgiveness from your heart toward your fellow believer.

Ephesians 4:31 (NLT) Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.

Mark 11:25 (NLT) But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.

Romans 12:17-21 (TPT) Never hold a grudge or try to get even, but plan your life around the noblest way to benefit others. Do your best to live as everybody's friend. Beloved, don't be obsessed with taking revenge, but leave that to God's righteous justice. For the Scriptures say: "If you don't take justice in your own hands, I will release justice for you," says the Lord. And: If your enemy is hungry, buy him lunch! Win him over with kindness. For your surprising generosity will awaken his conscience, and God will reward you with favor. Never let evil defeat you, but defeat evil with good.