



## How To Handle Unfair Treatment (I Sam. 24)

Sunday, May 30 2021 AVBC

### 1. When treated unfairly chose \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.

- Consider their \_\_\_\_\_

Do not envy wicked men, do not desire their company; for their hearts plot violence, and their lips talk about making trouble.” (Proverbs 24:1,2)

- Consider their \_\_\_\_\_
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Romans 12:17-20

### 2. When treated unfairly, risk \_\_\_\_\_.

- ✓ He honoured Saul as \_\_\_\_\_ chosen king
- ✓ He \_\_\_\_\_ Saul that he would not kill him.
- ✓ He \_\_\_\_\_ himself before King Saul

- Risked the \_\_\_\_\_ of his men
- Risked the \_\_\_\_\_ of King Saul

*My enemies, whom I have never harmed, hunted me down like a bird. They threw me into a pit and dropped stones on me. The water flowed above my head, and I cried out, “This is the end!” But I called on your name, LORD, from deep within the well and You heard me! You listened to my pleading! You heard my weeping. Yes, you came at my despairing cry and told me, “Do not fear.” Lord, You are my lawyer; plead my case! For you have redeemed my life. You have seen the wrong they have done to me, LORD. Be my judge, and prove me right. (Lam. 3:52-59)(NLT)*

### 3. When treated unfairly \_\_\_\_\_ yourself

*I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. (Matthew 10:16)*

Be quick to forgive. Slow to trust. Slower to entrust.

## DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group.)

Q1: When you see someone being treated unfairly, what feelings rise up within you?

Q2: Have you ever stepped in when you saw an injustice taking place? If so, what happened? What was the outcome?

Q3: Think of a specific time when you were treated unfairly? What emotions did you experience? How did you respond? How did you *feel* like responding? ☺

Q4: Read Genesis 37:23-35 and Genesis 45:3-5, 14-15. What does this story teach you about unfair treatment, our response and God’s involvement in our struggles?

Q5: Why is exercising revenging never a positive or productive response?

List as many reasons as you can.

Q6: Think of a time when you risked reconciliation. How did you approach the conversation? What were the results...positive and/or negative?

Q7: If you were to tackle that situation again, is there anything you would do differently? If so, what?

Q8: Pastor David suggested that you can forgive someone but still not trust them. What do you think about that statement? What biblical passages support such a statement?