

“Watch Your Back – David and Saul”
1 Samuel 18:5-29

Sermon Notes

Daily Readings: “Watch Your Back – David and Saul”

David had to overcome numerous obstacles to achieve his God-given purpose. He kept faith and learned lessons from each obstacle that are invaluable for us as we pursue God’s dreams for our own lives. David was able to take each obstacle, which could have easily discouraged him, and turn them into important lessons which helped him become the person God desired him to be.

MONDAY – Read 1 Samuel 18:5-9. What do you think was the secret to David’s success – luck, courage, faith in God’s power, his friendship with Jonathan, God was with him, he was a natural-born leader? How much do you play the “comparison-game”? What can you do quit comparing yourself to others? When you are jealous of someone, what is most likely the cause?

TUESDAY – Read 1 Samuel 18:10-16. What role or roles did David have in Saul’s court? What do we learn about David in these verses as he fulfills his God-dream? How did the common people view David? What does this show us about David? How did Saul respond to the praises people were heaping on David?

WEDNESDAY – Read 2 Corinthians 11:16-33. What was Paul’s attitude toward his suffering and hardship? How do most people view suffering and hardship and God’s relationship to it? Do most people view suffering and hardship as an obstacle or a stepping-stone?

THURSDAY – Read Matthew 10:16-20. The disciples were to go out in to the world with their eyes wide open, knowing how things worked and the obstacles they would face. Can you give any examples as to how we can do that today? What does it mean “I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves?” What does the statement mean “be wise as serpents and innocent as doves?” How can we apply that in real situations we face?

FRIDAY – Read John 15:18; 1 Peter 4:12-14. Being ready and prepared for obstacles is half the battle. If we are not prepared and are caught by surprise, we might not have the resolve or perseverance to face obstacles. Much of the battle takes place before the actual moment. So how can you be on guard? How can you prepare ahead?

SATURDAY – Read Psalm 23;4; Matthew 5:10-12; Hebrews 12:3. How do these verses help you face the obstacles that get in the way of your fulfilling God’s purpose for your life? How do we balance boldness and courage in the face of obstacles with humility and meekness?



Weekly Prayer Concerns

Prayer is vital to everything we do at the Wadsworth UMC. In prayer, we do not simply ask for our needs, or the needs of others, to be met, but seek God's presence and ask Him to bring His Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. In prayer, we enjoy time with God, knowing that He welcomes us as His beloved children.

(Please be sure to update your prayer concerns.)

Please mention these persons and others in your prayers this week.

Hospitalized & Extended Care

Active Duty Military

David Byers

Brian Anderson

Hospice Care

Russell Conway

Andrew Hickle

Daniel & Sierra Howard

Tom Babyak Sr

Jeff Keenan

Pre-Surgery/Treatment

Jacob McIlvaine

Austin McNamara

Zachary Ramsay

Glenn Schroeder

Alex Staub

Scott Valentine

Michael Wallet

Austin Wolfinger

Gerri Mollica

Eric Martin – Rehab

Nick Grucza

Jill Parker

Michael Satink

Jack Gore

Mary Foote

Jessie Madden

Leanna Freund – lymphoma

Bereavement & Grief

The Family of MaryLou Wells

The Family of Deen Westerman

The Family of Sara Bohn

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

- Psalm 91:15

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