

Bait of Satan Lesson 2

David & Saul

- When you really come to the realization that nothing can come into your life without God allowing it, it really sets you free because anything you go through, God will use it as a stepping stone of your life if you respond in obedience.
- “When I understand everything happening to me is to make me more Christ-like, it resolves a great deal of anxiety.” ~ AW Tozer
- It’s one thing to be betrayed by a brother/sister, but it is another thing entirely to be betrayed by a father/leader. We have higher expectations and expect them to grow & nurture us.
- Samuel anoints David, David becomes music player for King Saul, then he kills the giant & marries the king’s daughter. Then some people start singing a song: “King Saul has killed his thousands and David his ten thousands,” jealousy and anger grab hold of the king and he **hunts** David. For 14 years David is on the run.
- King Saul is the authority that God has placed David under, Satan didn’t put him there, God did. God doesn’t make a bad leader bad, but He places His authority on a leader with a bad personality. But He will use that.
- David tries to clear his name. (1 Samuel 24) I cut your robe & didn’t kill you. Again God put them in a deep sleep. (1Sam 26) He doesn’t kill King Saul in his sleep. **DO NOT PUT YOUR HAND OR YOUR MOUTH ON THE LORD’S ANOINTED! V.9** Who can stretch out his hand against God’s anointed and be guiltless?
- David was under a harsh leader. Everyone experiences a harsh leader because God uses the good ones to nurture us and the harsh ones to refine us. They both serve a purpose in God’s plan.
- “Let the Lord judge between him and me.” Perhaps we are not to store up evidence to try and prove someone else is wrong. The Lord will bring to judgment those who need it. It is not for us to judge. God is the one who is able to take care of the leaders if they are acting wrong.
- The only difference between Saul & David is that David constantly waited on God and inquired of the LORD, Saul took matters into his own hands.
- There are two kinds of ministers: 1) those who love their ministry will protect what God has given them, 2) those who love God never worry because no one can take God from you.
- The Philistines kill Saul & David searches for one of Saul’s descendants to bless him and give him land. Does that sound like an offended man?
- The 14 years of persecution and running were 14 years of training David to be the shepherd of Israel God wanted him to become. His character was developed. Saul never went through the wilderness, therefore he didn’t have the character to handle the leadership position he was given.
- God knows the treatment you have received from a leader. How you handle that treatment (grow or become bitter) decides your future. The hardest times in your life can be your greatest stepping stones.

How Spiritual Vagabonds are Born

- Vagabond: rootless wanderer. Someone who has lost their connection with God.
- Romans 12:17-19 – “If it is possible, as much depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved do not avenge yourselves for it is written, vengeance is mine, I will repay.” It is not right for you to avenge yourself, but you are to allow God to avenge you. If you take matters into your own hands, God’s hands are tied. Either you avenge yourself or God will avenge you – not both.
- God didn’t tell us to pray for our husbands, wives, or kids. He only tells us to pray for our enemies and those who mistreat us.
- Do not overcome evil with evil. Romans 12:19-21
- When we try to hide the reality of our past experiences and relationships by not dealing with them in godly and biblical ways, we find our new relationships are complicated by the baggage we carry.
- Church hopping. Leaving because you are offended is wrong. How you leave one church is how you begin another. No root system makes it easier to leave when offended. Root system dwarfs and it becomes easier and easier to leave.
- Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities for there is no authority except from God and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.
- It is not our responsibility to correct fathers; it is the Father’s responsibility to correct children.
- Most of the opportunities for getting offended aren’t the problem of the leader, but our own immaturity. Don’t shoot the messenger!
- God puts those people in authority for a reason. Who are you to question God’s decisions? We are not to sin under a leader, we are to be obedient and submissive. (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego)
- We must remain planted so we can grow our roots down and stand firm during the times of storms and troubles. (Palm trees) Adversity causes roots to grow deeper.
- Psalm 92:13 “Those who are planted in the House of the Lord will flourish.” Mark 4:16-17.
- No roots = spiritual vagabond = aimless wanderer = victim mentality