

Recap of 9/7/25 message by Pastor Joe Ricchuiti
(“Sparing Saul’s Life...Again”) 1 Samuel 25:1-44:

- 1- “Both chapters [24 & 26] fulfill the compiler’s purpose; namely they declare David’s innocence of any treachery or treason against Saul. This fact would counteract any effort by David’s enemies to breach his reputation or to undermine the people’s confidence in his leadership. Both chapters stress God’s protection of David and that Saul no longer enjoyed that status...Both chapters emphasize the fact both the vengeance belongs to God and that we should not harm those whom God anoints. Both chapters are a reminder that during this period David was constantly harassed. All these points were central to the intention of the one who compiled the material that we have (Chafin)
- 2 - *If David came to the throne thru treachery or any other way other than God’s way the throne would have been tainted. These chapters are to show that he didn’t come by treachery. They are showing that David did not betray the King. The Israelites were slow to accept David—many saw him as Nabal did (25:10)*
- 3.-*Opportunity and favorable circumstances alone do not prove that a course of action or a decision is the will of God.*
 - When seeking to determine whether an opportunity is God’s will, we should ask several questions:*
 - Does this decision or opportunity violate any principle of the Word of God?*
 - Will it interfere with the priorities of worship and service to God or growing in grace.*
 - Is God confirming it in my life, especially through prayer?*
 - Is there peace without serious second-guessing about the decision or opportunity?*