There were **three** things that David primarily struggled with during his fugitive years of living in an emotional minefield:

**I. David’s Struggle With Discouragement** (I Samuel 21-23) (See “Living in an Emotional Minefield” part 1)

**II. David’s Struggle With**

- These 3 chapters are not only connected, but even more importantly, they are also connected.

**A. He Struggled With Resentment Towards**

1) **David’s 1st Encounter Took Place In A** (24:1-22).

   - What is the significance of “the wilderness of Engedi?”
     - The name Engedi actually means “Fountain of the _______ ________,” and it is the largest desert oasis in Israel covering over ______ acres!

   - **Tactically** this area served as one of David’s primary places of _______ in his attempt to hide from Saul.

   - **What is the meaning of the phrase “relieve himself”**?

   - While Saul was taking care of business, David and his men were having a very spirited, theological debate about the _______ of ______ for David’s life!

     **If ever there was a case for ____________ __________, this was it!**

   - Why didn’t David kill Saul? *(Romans 12:17-19; Hebrews 10:30; Proverbs 16:32)*

2) **David’s 1st Encounter Took Place In A** (26:1-25).

   “Saul was so paranoid, that after each episode of repentance he would revert right back to his hate-filled ways and try to kill David all over again!”

   - **Aware that Saul had returned to kill him, David led a midnight ______________ mission to survey the King’s camp.**

   - As with Adam (Genesis 2:21) and Abraham (Genesis 15:12), God also supernaturally caused Saul to be completely ____________ of what was taking place around him.
As David stood beside the king while he slept, what dilemma did he face all over again?

Imagine what must have been going on in David’s mind: the same reasons for killing Saul still existed, the only difference was that now it was with even __________ ____________!

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B. He Struggled With Resentment Towards __________ (25:2-42)

The issue in this chapter is one of a ______________ employer-employee ______________.

1) Nabal’s _______________ (vv. 9-11)

2) David’s _______________ (vv. 12-13; 21-22)

3) Abigail’s _______________ (vv. 14-20; 23-31)

4) God’s _______________ (vv. 32-39)

Conclusion:

As a result of not giving in to feelings of resentment & revenge 4 things that took place in David’s life:

1) He gained __________ without relying upon wrong or questionable __________.

2) He maintained his __________ and __________ in the eyes of those he led.

3) He demonstrated a complete __________ in God’s ability to __________ him.

4) He refused to sacrifice his __________ potential on the altar of the __________.

Principles to Be Applied

Principle #1: Since man is _________________, expect to be ________________!

Principle #2: Since mistreatment is ________________, anticipate feelings of ________!

Principle #3: Since revenge is ________________, refuse to respond in the ________!

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.