



Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crags of the Wild Goats.

1 SAMUEL 24:2

THE SPIRAL OF SAUL'S ANGER



'They have given David honor for ten thousands, but for me only thousands. Now what more can he have but to be king?' And Saul was jealous and did not trust David from that day on. **1 SAMUEL 18:8-9**



_____ **Outbursts**

...Saul had a spear in his hand and he hurled it, saying to himself, 'I'll pin David to the wall.' But David eluded him twice. **1 SAMUEL 18:10b-11**



_____ **Evil**

Saul's plan was to have David fall by the hands of the Philistines. **1 SAMUEL 18:25b**

WHAT WAS DAVID'S RESPONSE?

David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. **1 SAMUEL 22:1**

KEY QUESTION:

What should you do when someone
_____ ?



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LESSONS FROM A CAVE OF ANGER

Scene One: _____ in the Cave

He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. The men said, "This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe. **1 SAMUEL 24:3-4**

LESSON: We are all tempted to think that our backstabbing opportunity is the _____ to the "no back stabbing" rule

SceneTwo: _____ in the Cave

Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord." With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way. **1 SAMUEL 24:5-7**

LESSON: A soft-conscience is a _____

BIBLICAL STRATEGIES FOR HANDLING ANGER

In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold... Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **EPHESIANS 4:26-32**



1 Anger is _____ but it does not _____
– "In your anger do not sin."



2 Anger is best _____
– "Do not let the sun go down..."



3 Anger _____ if not thoroughly addressed
– "Get rid of all..."



4 Anger can _____
– "Forgiving each other..."

SceneTwo: _____ in the Cave

Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. He said to Saul, "Why do you listen when men say, 'David is bent on harming you'? This day you have seen with your own eyes how the Lord delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the Lord's anointed.' See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. See that there is nothing in my hand to indicate that I am guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life. May the Lord judge between you and me. And may the Lord avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you." **1 SAMUEL 24:8-12**

LESSON: Outrage is _____
– Reconciliation is _____

IN THE END...

David never got to live with Saul – but he could _____

