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Part I: • In times of **BATTLE** : Psalm 144 **Part 2** : • In times of WEAKNESS : Psalm 63 **Part 3** : • In times of INJUSTICE : Psalm 7 **Part 4** : • In times of FAILURE : Psalm 51



# In all these trying times, "Are you still able to WORSHIP God?'?





### Part 3 : In times of INJUSTICE : Psalm 7





### **Psalm 7:1-17 GNT**

1 O Lord, my God, I come to you for protection; rescue me and save me from all who pursue me, 2 or else like a lion they will carry me off where no one can save me, and there they will tear me to pieces. 3-4 O Lord, my God, if I have wronged anyone, if I have betrayed a friend or without cause done violence to my enemy—if I have done any of these things—5 then let my enemies pursue me and catch me, let them cut me down and kill me and leave me lifeless on the ground!

### **Psalm 7:6-17 GNT**

6 Rise in your anger, O Lord! Stand up against the fury of my enemies; rouse yourself and help me! Justice is what you demand, 7 so bring together all the peoples around you, and rule over them from above. 8 You are the judge of all people. Judge in my favor, O Lord; you know that I am innocent. 9 You are a <u>righteous</u> God and judge our thoughts and desires. Stop the wickedness of evildoers and reward those who are good. 10 God is my protector; he saves those who obey him. 11 God is <u>a righteous judge</u> and always condemns the wicked.

### **Psalm 7:12-17 GNT**

12 If they do not change their ways, God will sharpen his sword. He bends his bow and makes it ready; 13 he takes up his deadly weapons and aims his burning arrows. 14 See how wicked people think up evil; they plan trouble and practice deception. 15 But in the traps they set for others, they themselves get caught. I 6 So they are punished by their own evil and are hurt by their own violence. 17 I thank the Lord for his justice; I sing praises to the Lord, the Most High.



### Have you had any "enemies"?





### What about, Have you heard/said... "It's not fair!"





### What's the STORY behind Psalm 7?



### Part 3 : In times of INJUSTICE : I Samuel 24

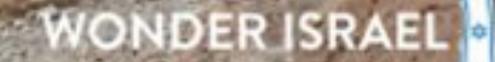




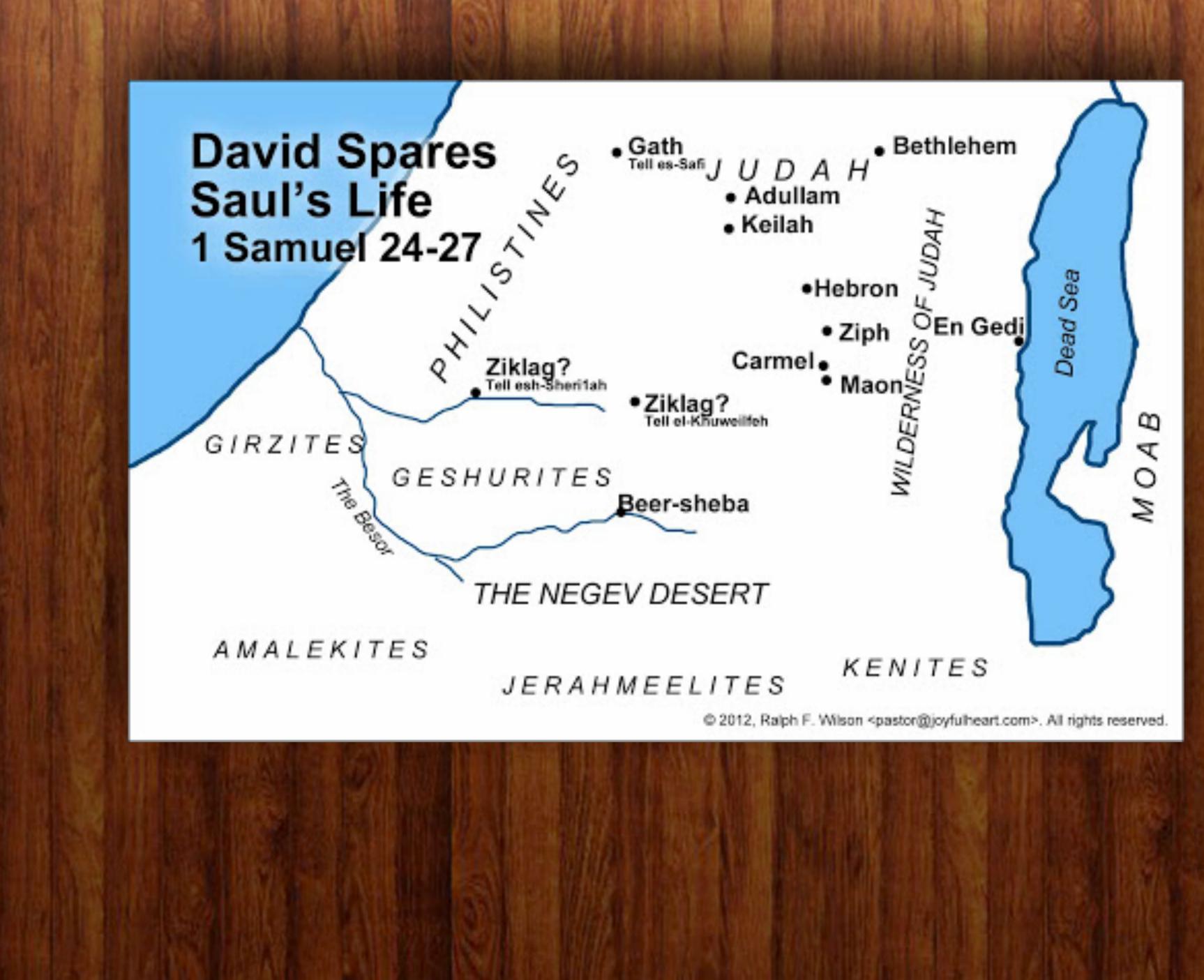


### I Samuel 24:1-11 ESV

When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi." 2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Wildgoats' Rocks.











### I Samuel 24:3 ESV

<sup>3</sup> And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was **a cave**, **and Saul went in to relieve himself**.

Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave.







### WHAT WOULD YOU DO INTIMES OF INJUSTICE?

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## GIVE MERCY?





### I Samuel 24:4-7 ESV

<sup>4</sup> And the men of David said to him, "**Here is the day** of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you." Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

### I Samuel 24:5-7 ESV

s And afterward **David's heart struck him**, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe. 6 He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the Lord's anointed." 7 So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.

### IN TIME OF INJUSTICE JESUS IS OUR PROTECTOR!

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# SELF-JUSTICE OR LET GODJUDGE?





### I Samuel 24:8-15 ESV

Saul, "My lord the king!" And when Saul looked behind him, David **bowed** with his face to the earth and paid homage. who say, 'Behold, David seeks your harm'? no Behold, this day your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you today anointed.'

- 8 Afterward David also arose and went out of the cave, and called after
- 9 And David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of men
- into my hand in the cave. And some told me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, 'I will not put out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's

### I Samuel 24:11-15 ESV

I See, my father, see the corner of your robe in my hand. For by the fact that I cut off the corner of your robe and did not kill you, you may know and see that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you hunt my life to take it.
I2 May the Lord judge between me and you, may the Lord avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you.
I3 As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Out of the wicked comes wickedness.' But my hand shall not be against you.

### I Samuel 24:11-15 ESV

14 **After whom** has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog! After a flea! me and you, and see to it and plead my cause and deliver me from your hand."

# 15 May the Lord therefore be judge and give sentence between

### IN TIME OF INJUSTICE JESUS IS OUR RIGHTEOUS JUDGE!





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## RETALIZATION RECONCLATION





### I Samuel 24:16-22 ESV

16 As soon as David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul wept. 17 He said to David, "You are more righteous than I, for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil. 19 For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away safe? So may day.

- said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice and
- 18 And you have declared this day how you have dealt well with me, in that you did not kill me when the Lord put me into your hands. the Lord reward you with good for what you have done to me this

### I Samuel 24:20-22 ESV

### 20 And now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

21 Swear to me therefore by the Lord that you will not cut off my offspring after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father's house."

and his men went up to the stronghold.

### 22 And David swore this to Saul. Then Saul went home, but David

### IN TIME OF INJUSTICE JESUS IS OUR VINDICATOR!

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### Reflection : What would you do in times of injustice ?



# Will you ... Get even/give mercy? Act self-justice/let God be the Judge? Retaliate/Reconcile?

# What<br/>would you<br/>do in times<br/>of lnjustice?





### INTIME OF INJUSTICE KNOW THAT JESUS IS YOUR • PROCTECTOR! • RIGHTEOUS JUDGE! • VINDICATOR!





