

I SAMUEL 24.9-26.25

1. Go back and read 24:1-8 to familiarize yourself with the context. Then, look at verses 9-11. What visual proof did David present to convince Saul that he meant him no harm?
2. Look at verses 12-17. What are some truths you learn about **vengeance** and how to treat our **enemies**?

3. In Saul's speech in verses 16-21, what are some truths that Saul acknowledges and admits?

What request(s) did he make of David?

4. Near the beginning of *chapter 25*, we're introduced to a man named **Nabal**. Look at verses 2, 3, 17, 25, etc. What are some things that we learn about this man?
5. What did David request of Nabal? Why did David expect Nabal to fulfill his request (see verses 7-8, 14-16)?

How would you describe Nabal's attitude toward David's request?

How did David respond when Nabal refused to give aid to David and his men?

6. Look at **Abigail's** amazing speech in verses 23-31. Write down all the **requests** that she made of David.

7. Look at verses 26, 33, 34 and 39. In each verse, who is said to have **restrained** David? In each verse, what was David restrained from?

8. By the end of the chapter, how many wives did David have?

What did Deuteronomy 17:16-17 say about that?

9. Carefully consider chapter 25 and write down at least one **lesson** that you learn from:

David –

Abigail –

Nabal –

10. In *chapter 26*, we're introduced to **Abishai** for the first time. What was his relationship to David (see I Chronicles 2:13-16)?

11. In verses 7-12, what was Abishai's plan regarding Saul? What was David's plan?

12. David said that men stirring Saul up to kill him was bringing what consequences into his life (v. 19)?

13. Even though Saul swore to not harm David, did David have reason to trust Saul's word?

Who did David put his trust in (vv. 23, 24)?