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1 Samuel 22:22-23

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- 2) The cure for not knowing God's will - _____ what God's already revealed in His Word, keep seeking His leading, and trust Him to _____ along the way.

Verses 14-29 Jonathan's Encouragement

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- 3) How to encourage other believers: Give them our _____, God's _____, and prayer.
- 4) God is in control - He is never _____, and the enemy can never _____ Him.

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- 6) **A Reality Check:** Which reality am I living in?
 - What I _____ ?
 - Or what God _____ ?

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1 Samuel 22:22-23

- 1) The more we REBEL AGAINST God, the less we know His will and purpose!
- 2) The cure for not knowing God's will - OBEY what God's already revealed in His Word, keep seeking His leading, and trust Him to GUIDE along the way.

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- 3) How to encourage other believers: Give them our PRESENCE, God's PROMISES, and prayer.
- 4) God is in control - He is never LATE, and the enemy can never FOOL Him.

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- 5) Let the Holy Spirit UMPIRE our heart.
- 6) **A Reality Check:** Which reality am I living in?
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are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

Which of the above verses do you most need to remember?

TAKING IT HOME

6) This week’s message ended with a challenge to evaluate which reality we’re living in - what we see and know, or what *God* sees and knows. What practical steps help you resist the temptation to live in the reality of what *you* see and know?

What practical steps help you remember what God sees and knows?

7) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week’s message or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of September 11, 2022

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1) This week we read how Jonathan came alongside David during a difficult time and encouraged him. How has God used people in your life to encourage you spiritually during a difficult time?

REVIEW

2) In your own words, what happened in 1 Samuel 23-24?

3) What stood out to you from this week’s message?

DIGGING DEEPER

4) Read the following Psalm of David. What comments or questions come to mind?

Psalm 27:1-14 - "[1] A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? [2] When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. [3] Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident. [4] One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell

in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. [5] For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. [6] And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD. [7] Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. [8] When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek." [9] Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. [10] When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take care of me. [11] Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies. [12] Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence. [13] I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living. [14] Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!"

In this Psalm, what are at least four truths that David reminds himself about?

What is most challenging or encouraging to you from this psalm?

If you were to use this psalm to encourage a friend, which verse(s) would you share with them, and why?

In the Psalms, David often talks about *waiting on the LORD* (like in Psalm 27:14). What do you think it means to *wait on the LORD*? What are some practical steps to do this?

5) How do the following verses encourage you to trust God in the midst of fear?

Proverbs 16:9 - "A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps."

Matthew 6:25-27, 34 - "[25] "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? [26] "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? [27] "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? ... [34] "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 - "[16] Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. [17] For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, [18] while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which