



The Courage to Trust: 1 Samuel 19-20

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- Even when they disobey God, He can use them to protect you. (19:12)
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 - Practicing lies and deceitfulness. (19:14-17)

A Godly Mentor

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A Powerful Spirit (19:12-23)

- From consecutive pursuits to consecutive praise. (19:19-20)
- From a heart filled with murder to a heart of worship. (19:21-23)
- God symbolically reminded Saul of the fate of his kingdom. (19:24)

Great Courage Requires Great Trust (20:1-42)

- Jonathan was willing to risk his life to help David. (20:4)
- David placed all of his confidence in God's work through Jonathan. (20:5)
- Your transparency builds trust. (20:8)
- Exercising courage will always cost you something. (20:30-34)
- Make sure the courage you're practicing is godly courage. (20:35)
- Even if you lose everything, keep your confidence in God. (20:42)

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