Historic White Marsh Church

July 27, 2025

Prelude Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

Opening Prayer

Hymn ~ 224 We Have Come Into His House

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn ~ 193 God Is So Good

Hymn ~ 506 I'd Rather Have Jesus

Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 18:5-16 Noelle Torgerson

Kids Talk Sandi Sutherland

Special Music: "We Will Not Be Shaken" Alabaster Grace

Sermon: "Honoring God in the Face of Opposition" Pastor Brad

Hymn ~ 602 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Benediction & Postlude

Announcements:

Would you like to receive text messages from the church for information and special announcements? Please scan the QR code (see insert) to give permission.

Visitors: Welcome to our church! Please fill out the visitor card located at your pew and then give it to Pastor Brad or place it in the offering box.

Tithes & Offerings: Please use the wooden **offering box** or *mail your* offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!

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Sundays with Alabaster Grace on 101.7 Bay FM Sundays 9:15-9:30 AM

Sunday: Bible Explorers at 9:45 AM & Worship at 11:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study: 6:00 PM

Honoring God in the Face of Opposition

- 1. The Seeds of Jealousy (1 Samuel 18:5–9) If you walk in God's favor, expect some to be uncomfortable with your success.
- 2. The Wounds of Injustice (1 Samuel 18:10–16) When injustice tests your character, remember that God is still in control, and He is more concerned with who you're becoming than what's happening to you.
- 3. The Temptation for Revenge (1 Samuel 24:1–7) When you're wronged and the desire for revenge is real, resist the urge.
- 4. The Power of Honor (1 Samuel 24:8–15) Honor is the decision to treat others as image-bearers of God, regardless of how they treat you.
- Jesus: The Greater David Because of the presence of Jesus in our lives as believers, we have the power to respond like David. We have the power to rise above offense, to trust God with our vindication, and to even bless those who curse us.
- 6. Responding God's Way 1. Check your own heart. 2. Refuse to retaliate. 3. Honor in word and deed. 4. Trust God's timing.
- 7. A Life of Honor Wins in the End Like David, always trust God's plan. Keep honoring Him. Keep walking upright. God dealt with Saul. Our job is to always remain faithful.

Study Questions:

- 1. Read 1 Samuel 18:5 and 18:14. What do we see about David's life that led to his success? How did Saul respond?
- 2. How did the common people view David? How about the "nobility?" What does this show us about David?
- How can an "evil spirit from God" coexist with the belief in a loving deity, and does this contradict other scriptural portrayals of God? (1 Samuel 18:10)
- 4. How does David's act of cutting Saul's robe (1 Samuel 24:4–5) reliably prove his innocence when no neutral witnesses are mentioned?
- 5. Have you ever been in a situation where, like David, someone seemed to be jealous of your success? If so, how did that situation play out? Share it with the group.

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