

David had been anointed to be the next king of Israel, had defeated Goliath, and served King Saul faithfully. But Saul tried to kill him, and David spent months in the desert, escaping Saul's pursuit and living in caves. Yet when an opportunity came for David to kill Saul, he refused to touch God's anointed, but rather let God be his Vindicator. For some victories, we need to be good to people who are not being good to us, and we need to stay in faith when it is unfair and doesn't look like it is ever going to work out.

There are two kinds of faith - delivering faith and sustaining faith. We love delivering faith - that is when God instantly turns it around, and we defeat our problem. God suddenly shows out in our life. But most of the time we are going to need sustaining faith. That is when God takes us through the challenge, through the difficulty. He could change it in an instant, but if He did that, our faith would never grow and develop.

1 Samuel 26:23 "The LORD gives His own reward for doing good and for being loyal, and I refused to kill you even when the LORD placed you in my power, for you are the LORD's anointed one."