

Saints and Scoundrels:
Lessons Learned from Samuel, Saul, and David
Faithful Friends, Rabid Foes and True Forgiveness

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Today we wrap up this series, and in doing so we have covered most of 1st and 2nd Samuel, looking at the lives of many characters, but primarily Samuel, Saul, and David. The constant in each of their lives has been God...not just someone they say they believe in, but the One who calls them out, equips, encourages, disciplines. God is always faithful, even when God's people are faithless. That is great news for us today!

David Had Faithful Friends

- Who would David consider a friend as he looked back over his life?
- Sometimes friends “bruise” us (Nathan and Proverbs 27: 6)
- We discover true friends when life is hard
(2 Samuel 15: 13-37; 2nd Samuel 17)
 - Unexpected friends...selfless, faithful, “doers” more than talkers...
- Who has been there for you...have you ever told them thank you?

David Had Rabid Foes

- Over his lifetime, who were David's enemies?
- Ever heard of Shimei? (2nd Samuel 16: 5-14)
- Deep inside, how did David deal with all this? (Psalm 3 and 27 and...)

David Extended Underserved Forgiveness

- Saul, over and over again
- Shimei is a great example of restraint and forgiveness! (2 Samuel 19: 18-23)
- Those who know they have been forgiven much give it to others (Luke 7: 47)

Next week we begin a new series “Jesus Meets Us at Our Deepest Needs”
Bring your Bible, your friends, and we will see you Sunday!