



**WORD**

<sup>1</sup>Lord my God, I take refuge in you; save and deliver me from all who pursue me. . . . <sup>8</sup>Let the Lord judge the peoples. Vindicate me, Lord, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Most High. PSALM 7:1,8

**WHAT**

David went through many difficult times that were beyond him, including being pursued by King Saul because he was considered as a threat to the throne. How did David respond to this unjust treatment and what can we learn from his experience?

**1 Resolve not to commit sin.**

<sup>5</sup>Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. <sup>6</sup>He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord." <sup>7</sup>With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.

1 SAMUEL 24:5-7

David had the chance to kill Saul while the king was resting in a cave, but he decided in his heart not to do such a wicked thing. It is possible to live righteously and respond like Christ even amidst unfair circumstances. When was the last time you chose not to sin even if you already felt like doing it?

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**2 Trust God for His vindication.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the assembled peoples gather around you, while you sit enthroned over them on high. <sup>8</sup>Let the Lord judge the peoples. Vindicate me, Lord, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Most High. PSALM 7:7,8

David trusted God to vindicate him. God is the supreme and ultimate Judge who sees the wrongdoings of all people as well as our righteous acts. He judges people according to their deeds. Even when we experience injustice in the systems of the world, we can rest assured that God is for us and will defend us. Have you ever experienced God's vindication? How did it benefit you?

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**3 Worship God in times of injustice.**

<sup>9</sup>I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. <sup>10</sup>For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. <sup>11</sup>Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

PSALM 57:9-11

David worshiped God even when Saul was hunting him. He did not let his problem overwhelm him. Instead, he praised God and exalted Him. It is usually hardest to worship God when facing hard times, but once we make that decision, we find our strength and liberty in God. When was the last time you overcame a difficulty by praising and worshiping God first?

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