

David Lives Life by Principles, not Opportunities

David refused revenge, 24:1-7¹

An open door for revenge, 24:1-4

A great number of persons who wanted revenge, 22:2

The action of David, 4b

David's reflection on his actions, 5-7

The corner of his robe was symbolic of a kingdom,

David operates by principle and promise, not circumstance and opportunity

Principle: Vengeance is mine; Proverbs 25:21,22

Promise made: 20:15

Refuse vengeance when circumstances allow

Refuse vengeance when counseled to do so

600 to 1

David risked reconciliation, Matt 18

He risked the ridicule of his men, see 6,7

He's lost his nerve

He's weak

No—he's a man committed to biblical principles

He risked the retaliation of Saul, 8-15

David was outnumbered 3000-600

He respected failed authority, 8

He asked questions, 9, 14

¹ Outline from Jeremiah, *The Tender Warrior*

He presented the facts, 10

He proved he was faithful to God and his promises, 11

He pledged his friendship, v 12-13

David gave Saul the opportunity to respond, 16-22

All could see David's commitment to keep the rules and principles

Saul acknowledged David's righteousness

David this day set the stage for future leadership and trust.

David wisely made a promise but did not trust Saul.

So what?

God calls on you to be committed to a life of principle and promise, no matter what the circumstances may bring.