

# Pastorials REFLECTIONS

October 18, 2020

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" **2 Timothy 1:7.**

The **Coronavirus** is real, however through faith with God we can overcome it! Listed below are tips and precautions that we as a church are taking and are encouraging you to practice.

## Take steps to protect yourself



### Clean your hands often

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.** Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.



### Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.



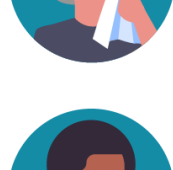
### Stay home if you're sick

- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care.



### Cover coughs and sneezes

- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



### Wear a facemask if you are sick

- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room.
- **If you are NOT sick:** You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a face-mask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.



### Clean and disinfect

- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.** This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

SERMON SERIES

# POLITICALLY INCORRECT

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1 TIMOTHY 6:13-16

BEGINNING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

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## UPCOMING Events

	<p><b>Trunk-or-Treat Drive Up</b> Everyone is invited to our "Trunk-or-Treat" drive-up event on <b>October 31st at 6pm.</b> Candy donations and volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact Sylvia Edwards via phone (281)260-2404 or email <a href="mailto:sedwards@lwfellowshipchurch.org">sedwards@lwfellowshipchurch.org</a></p>
	<p><b>Counseling Ministry</b> We are here for you! The Counseling ministry wants to help connect and navigate those who may be suffering in silence. Contact Cici Sharpe for more information (281) 433-0646</p>
	<p><b>Tuesday Bible Study   Free Conference Call</b> Join us for our weekly Bible study on "Free Conference Call" every Tuesday at 12pm &amp; 7pm <b>Dial: 1 (978) 990-5374</b> <b>Access Code: 1165799</b></p>
	<p><b>Center for Christian Living "Making it Through the Valley"</b> Despite the pandemic, get ready for an exciting time in the Word of God as we walk through the valley with His protection and presence. Allow God's Word to comfort and keep you on <b>Tuesday nights at 7pm starting November 3rd</b> on Free Conference Call System.</p>
	<p><b>Hurricane Laura Supply Drive</b> The LEGACY Youth Ministry is organizing a resource &amp; supply drive for those who were impacted by the devastations of Hurricane Laura starting on <b>October 5th- 30th   2pm-4pm.</b> To donate, please call Valerie Miller at 832-752-5976 We are asking each deacon family to provide the specific resource in order to be collected and given to those who are in need.</p>



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Communion

Praise & Worship

Visitor's Welcome / Announcements

**Worship In Giving**  
*Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses*

Special Music

The Word of God

**Braveheart**  
*1 Samuel 16:7; 24: 11-12, 16-20*  
*Dr. Paul Cannings, Senior Pastor*

*Sermon notes available online at [www.lwfellowshipchurch.org](http://www.lwfellowshipchurch.org)  
Click on the "Media" tab and click "Sermon Outline"*

Call to Discipleship

*Please remain seated at this time*

Benediction & Closing Song



## Braveheart

1 Samuel 16:7; 24:11-12, 16-20

### A. Make Your Decision Spirit Driven (1 Samuel 16vs.7):

- The Lord** – The Lord initiates how the decision needs to be made.
  - It is the Holy Spirit who gives us the ability to see. When a believer views the Word of God as sufficient (2 Peter 1:3-4) and everlasting (1 Peter 1:22-25) and therefore use it as a guide to make everyday decisions the Spirit of God transforms their character to become like Christ (Romans 12:2; 2 Peter 1:5-8). It is at this point they are no longer short sighted or blind (2 Peter 1:9-11; Romans 9:32-33).
- Do not look at his appearance** – Samuel is told to not continuously keep looking at the same qualifications that he used for Saul because this person is not just a warrior (1 Sam. 9:1-2; 10:23-24; especially since this is after the book of Judges). The focus is his Braveheart.
- Said** – God should still be able to influence how we vote at the ballot box.
- Do not look at his appearance** – Samuel continuously focusing on the outward stature of the sons of Jesse must be adjusted because it was the lack of inward spiritual development of Saul that was Saul's downfall.
  - Saul did not follow the Levitical law when it came to offering up sacrifices before the Lord (1 Sam. 13:8-12).
  - Saul lacked spiritual wisdom to properly lead God's people (1 Sam. 14:24-46).
  - Saul did not listen to the spiritual leader, Samuel, that God provided as a spiritual guide for him (1 Sam. 15). Lacking wisdom and not listening is damaging for a leader.
  - Not only did he not listen he went to Spiritism to seek advice (1 Sam. 28).
- Man looks - Look (same Greek word)** – Man's inspection of another person is in the form of Samuel even though Samuel is a revered man of God. We could be saved, sincere believers of Christ, and still make the wrong decisions.
- Man looks - Look (same Greek word)** – The process that human being uses to determine who God's leader is even in the New Testament it required prayer and fasting (Acts 14:23). It is a spiritual process not physical. It is so deeply spiritual that not even a prophet as revered as Samuel, anointed by God, could not determine who was God's anointed king. Again, this is a theocracy not a democracy. God has spiritual purposes for human governments (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-15).
- Heart** – The Lord is concerned with man's inner disposition and character (1 Ki. 8:39; 1 Ch. 28:9; Lk. 16:15; Jn. 2:25; Ac. 1:24). Good character is important in selecting leaders.
- Heart** – The heart in the scriptures also represents the will of the person and wisdom. God views David's heart to have a sincere desire to obey Him and submit to the Lord's leadership (theocracy) no matter what power or success the Lord provides David (Psalm 119).

### B. Confront What is Wrong (1 Samuel 24:11-12):

- The men of David (vs. 4)** – David did not listen to false teaching no matter how right it sounded or how well it may have made him feel, because of all Saul had made him experience. David listened to the will of the Lord and confronted his own sin and did what was right (24:8-15).
- Hand** – The robe being in David's hands means that David was in full control of taking Saul's life. Compared to David's 400 men Saul had brought 3,000 men (1 Sam. 22:1-2; 24:2; 25:13).
- Or rebellion in my hands** - David demonstrates a great level of humility to know he is anointed king and still faithfully play the harp for the Saul and to also come to Saul and apologize for cutting the hem of his kingly garment. The Lord fights the proud but gives grace to humble (1 Sam. 24:8-15; 1 Peter 5:5).
- Or rebellion in my hands** - David had it in his heart to do what is right in the sight of God which would be to not rebel by attacking God's king. David did not follow his feelings; he chooses to do what is right (1 Sam. 24:4-15).
- May the Lord Judge** – David wants the One who is Lord and is holy to be the arbitrator between him and Saul, not Saul's men or David's men or even Samuel.
  - This story shows us two people: one responding from their fears, bad counsel and being influenced by demons the other is willing to submit to God's will and trust God for the protection He provides. This went on for twelve years.
  - David confront the king who had complete authority to do what he wants. David did not try to find ways to justify Saul's behavior.
- May the Lord avenge**—David calls on the Lord to punish Saul (Romans 12:14-21). David shows on two occasions that he is not vengeful (1 Samuel 24:4-15; chapter 26). This is an important trait because Any leader will have enemies even Christ had enemies and He did good everyday he walked the earth.

### C. Stand for What is Right (1 Samuel 24:16-20):

- It came to pass; To be/ Finished speaking** - David does not listen to his men (vs. 4) while Saul listened to his (vs. 9). David listened to God (Col. 2:8-10).
- Lifted up his voice and wept** – He wept aloud: Saul experiences temporary remorse (see 26:21) for his actions against David but quickly reverts to his former determination to kill him (26:2). He seriously lacks integrity.
- You are more righteous** – Saul admits that David was more surrendered to perform what is practically beneficial and therefore good for the nation of Israel than he was because Saul knew that David was king (24:20).
- Have done good** – David was completely committed to put out a lot of energy and he demonstrated a greater ethical obligation to do what is pleasant and excellent for God than Saul.
  - David prove even to his enemy that he is a man of integrity. A nation needs to believe in its leader because the safety of them and their families depend on it. Also, the military's safety depends on it.
  - David did not seek to do what was good based on what his men said or his frustration having to deal with Saul chasing him for 12 years. David did what was beneficial to God and the Lord's nation, Israel.
- What done to me** - 'Done to me' portrays that it took a lot of inner energy for David to not do what he really wanted to do. It seems like cutting off Saul's hem was David's struggle to not kill him.
- Know will be king** - David's act of kindness to Saul and his warrior ability to kill Goliath is evidence that he is completely ready to be king. God did not just call David, God spent 12 years preparing David to be king and teaching the nation of Israel who was a good king for them.
- Vow; Swore - Cut off his descendants** – Saul requires of David to make a pledge allegiance to him as a result of David's commitment to God that David would not, like other kings destroy his family.
  - David agreed to Saul's requests and kept his promise (2 Sam. 9:1–13; 21:6–8).
  - David again demonstrates his integrity by not killing Saul's son. He did everything possible to take great care of him (2 Samuel 9)
  - David demonstrates that he is not vengeful (1 Samuel 25:32).

## PRAYER REQUEST

**Grieving:** Nicole Boykins & family, the family of Elizabeth Harper, Mary Wheatley, Carol Dickerson & family, Melanie White & family, P.J. Smith & family, Michael Harris & family, Margaret Baptiste & family, Joella Howard & family, Delicia Parker & family, Natividad Smith & family, Maria Perkins & family, Darrell and Angela Lea & family, Jerry Griffin & family.

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**BRAVE  
BRAVE  
HEART**

1 SAMUEL 16:7