

# Sermon Outline

## **Saul: Regret or Repentance?**

1 Samuel 26:1-28:2

**Introduction:** The importance of assessing the validity of repentance  
(2 Cor 7:10, 1 Sam 24:16-21)

**Context:** Similarity between the three stories of chapters 24, 25 & 26

### **I. David again confronts Saul (chapter 26)**

God delivered Saul into David's hands, again (1-8)

David's decision to spare Saul's life (9-13)

David confronts Saul and his security team (14-20)

David and Saul's final interaction (21-25)

### **II. David is by no means perfect (chapter 27-28:2)**

David returns to Gath and king Achish (1-7)

David's battles and deception (8-11)

King Achish naively trusts David (27:12-28:2)

### **III. Assessing true repentance (26:21, 24:17-21, 15:24-30)**

Compare Saul's remorseful words with David's true repentance  
(Psalm 51)

The marks of true repentance that are lacking in Saul:

1. Death of self (not concern for reputation or blame shifting)
2. A Godward focus (not merely confessing to a human being)
3. Restitution (not just "business as usual")
4. Joy and Worship (not necessarily tears)
5. Durability – repentance is demonstrated over time

### **IV. Examine your repentance (2 Cor 13:5) to make it sure (2 Pet 1:10)**