



## **Finding Victory by Extending Mercy**

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Sermon Discussion Guide

This message looks at several instances in which David extends mercy to various people and why extending mercy gives us victory in our lives. However, the message actually begins with a look at how Saul refused to extend mercy and how it constantly brought about defeat in his life. Saul and David are opposites when it comes to their hearts and their motives and this affected how each one dealt with the issue of mercy. Neither Saul, nor David were perfect people, but David's desire to do the right thing brought him victory on more than one occasion. Once Saul had died and David became King, David decided to bring the Ark of The Covenant back to Jerusalem. On the way, there was a mishap and one of the Priest, Uzzah, was killed. His death was due in part to the haphazard way in which the Ark was being handled. However, Uzzah's death was a stark reminder of how sin had separated man from God and why God's extension of mercy through Jesus' death on the cross was essential to humankind's salvation. The message closes with a look at David extending mercy to Saul's family by basically adopting Saul's grandson Mephibosheth, restoring to him the lands Saul had owned, and by allowing him to eat at David's table every day from then on. The message ends with selected verses of Ephesians which speak of God extending us Mercy and adopting us into His family through the Blood of Jesus Christ!

### **HIGHLIGHT**

- **1 Samuel 18, 24, 26 and 2 Samuel 6, 9 (Selected Verses)** Ask for someone to read the text aloud. Or you read the text aloud.
- **Look for Highlights** - As the text is read, tell the group to be looking out for the highlights (a particular verse, something new learned, a reminder, a question, etc.)

### **EXPLAIN**

- To whom was it originally written? Why?
- How does it fit with the verses before and after it?
- What is the Holy Spirit intending to communicate through this text?

### **APPLY**

- What does this mean today?
- What is God saying to you personally?
- How can you apply this message to your life?

### **RESPOND**

- In what ways does this passage call you to action?
- How will you be different because of what you've learned?
- What is a prayer to God in response to what you read today?