

Vineyard Crossroads Church

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Reef's Notes

Finding our Story – *Entering God's Story*

choosing God in life's difficult decisions

Bible Text: 1 Samuel 26, 27

Introduction – *the God factor*

Enemy Camp #1 – getting it right

The Jesus journey is a life of discipleship in Christ. Spiritual growth ought to be one of the fruits of the journey.

- learning from past mistakes, failures, experiences
- a conviction that God loves you and is involved in the details of your life
“God writes straight with crooked lines”
- patience and restraint
- trusting God in the face of life's deserts and difficulties

Enemy Camp #2 – getting it wrong

The Jesus journey will sometimes lead into the swamps of despair. Here's what happens when you don't choose God in that place.

But David thought to himself, "One of these days I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul. The best thing I can do is to escape to the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will give up searching for me anywhere in Israel, and I will slip out of his hand." – 1st Samuel 27:1

- you end up in the land of the Philistines – the land of disobedience
- you develop a false sense of security
- you end up helping the adversary's cause
- you will experience long-term compromise (and it's scars)
- a loss of identity

- disillusionment, dissatisfaction, distrust, despair

Conclusion – *finding strength in God*

But David found strength in the Lord his God. – 1st Samuel 30:6