

Steal the Spear

From Pain to Purpose · Week 5

1 Samuel 26:7-12

BOTTOM LINE

**If you don't let God transform your pain,
you will inevitably transfer it onto someone else.**

1. The spear nobody threw at him.

1 Samuel 18

Nobody insulted Saul. The offense was in his ears.

Anger → jealous eye → tormenting spirit.

Bitterness isn't just a feeling. It's a way of looking at someone.

God is not the author of what he permits.

2. He could have. He didn't. And he still didn't go home.

1 Samuel 24

Counterfeit forgiveness is a lot like false peacemaking.

Forgiveness is a decision, not a feeling.

Forgiveness is your part. Reconciliation takes both.

3. Steal the spear.

1 Samuel 26

God set the table for this.

I am not my defender. God is.

Forgiveness isn't saying it didn't matter.

It's saying it deserves a higher court.

THE HINGE

"No!" David said. "Don't kill him. For who can remain innocent after attacking the LORD's anointed one?"

1 Samuel 26:9 NLT

ALSO

So David promised this to Saul with an oath. Then Saul went home, but David and his men went back to their stronghold.

1 Samuel 24:22 NLT

So David took the spear and jug of water that were near Saul's head. Then he and Abishai got away without anyone seeing them or even waking up, because the LORD had put Saul's men into a deep sleep.

1 Samuel 26:12 NLT

He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.

1 Peter 2:23 NLT

THIS WEEK

Name the offense you're still carrying. This week, hand God the verdict — and let him be your defender.

**Put the spear down.
You don't have to move back in.**