



Oh my Galoshes!

Under Cover - Session Two

1 Samuel

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Here is another take home study guide that gives you a chance to take the next step and dig a little deeper into what it means to live Under Cover. So open up an umbrella, grab your Bible, a journal, a pen, and a quiet place to ponder. Set aside some time each day to deep dive into the idea of what it means to live under the authority of God.

Day 1: Understanding Authority

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 24:1-2

In these verses, we see Saul pursuing David with the intent to kill him. Saul, as the king, represents human authority.

Reflect on the nature of authority in your life and how it can influence your decisions.

Journal Questions:

1. Who are the authority figures in your life (parents, teachers, leaders), and how do they impact you?
2. What feelings arise in you when you think about authority?

Consider both positive and negative aspects.

Day 2: David's Respect for Authority

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 24:3-7

David had the opportunity to harm Saul but chose not to.

He respected Saul's position as God's anointed king.

This reflects David's understanding of authority.

Journal Questions:

1. Why do you think David chose to spare Saul's life despite his own danger?
2. How do you show respect for authority figures, even when you disagree with their actions?

Day 3: The Challenge of Forgiveness

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 24:8-11

David confronts Saul and shows him the piece of cloth as evidence of his mercy.

This act requires immense courage and a commitment to forgiveness.

Journal Questions:

1. Reflect on a time when someone wronged you. How did you respond?
2. How can recognizing God's authority help you in the process of forgiveness?

Day 4: Trusting God's Plan

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 24:12-15

David trusts God to handle the situation with Saul rather than taking matters into his own hands. This trust in God's authority is key to David's character.

Journal Questions:

1. In what situations do you find it hard to trust God's plan?
2. Write about a time when you had to wait on God. How did trusting Him change your perspective?

Day 5: The Consequences of Authority

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 24:16-19

Saul recognizes David's righteousness and speaks of it.

David's actions serve as a testament to his faithfulness to God's authority, which ultimately impacts Saul.

Journal Questions:

1. How do your actions reflect your understanding of God's authority in your life?
2. Consider how your choices impact others — what can you do to be a positive influence?

Day 6: Responding to Conflict with Grace

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 24:20-22

Saul acknowledges David's kindness and mercy. Responding to conflict with grace can lead to unexpected outcomes.

We forgive because we are commanded to do so, it is good for us.

It may or may not lead to reconciliation in a relationship, but it does realign us with God.

Journal Questions:

1. Have you ever responded to conflict with grace? What was the outcome?
2. How can you practice grace in your interactions with authority figures or peers this week?

Day 7: Living Under God's Authority

Scripture Reading: Romans 13:1-2

This passage reminds us that all authority comes from God.

Living under His authority means submitting to His will and recognizing His sovereignty (that's a big word!) in our lives.

Journal Questions:

1. What does it mean to you personally to live under God's authority?
2. Write a prayer committing to submit to God's authority in all areas of your life. What specific actions will you take to live this out?

Wrap it all up

As you reflect on the story of Saul and David, consider how recognizing and submitting to God's authority can transform your heart and actions.

Use this guide to help you grow in your understanding of authority, forgiveness, and trust in God's perfect plan.