



# WORTH THE WAIT

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## Calling an Audible I Samuel 19-20



**Anything of true value is worth waiting for.**

### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for God’s mission

In the NFL it seems that about fifty percent of the plays called on offense are audibles. As the quarterback looks at the defensive set up he calls a play different from the one in the huddle. The ability to think fast like this is often the difference between success and failure at the professional level. Similarly, in this week’s study the future king, David, although Saul’s right hand man, has to adjust on the fly since Saul has murderous intents on his life. The first section shows David “avoiding the sack” with a little help. Jonathan, Saul’s son, first defended David to him after Saul said he was going to kill him. He reminded him of David’s defeat of Goliath and asked why he should kill him. Saul relented and vowed to not kill him. However, after David suc-

ceeded in war again, an evil spirit returned to terrorize Saul, probably due to his fear of losing his throne. So he tried to kill him again but David fled, going back home. Saul then sent messengers to his house to watch him, but this time Saul’s daughter, Michal, who was David’s wife, lied for him; deceiving Saul’s servants, she allowed David to escape. Finally, when Saul tracked David to Naioth he sent three groups of servants to seize him, but each was seized by God’s Spirit and made to prophesy. When Saul went, he experienced the same thing, and for a second time it was said that Saul was among the prophets. Thus David had been personally defended by God. Next David and Jonathan had to analyze Saul’s offense. They tested to see if Saul still intended to

kill him by allowing David to be absent from the king’s meal while Jonathan covered for him. It became evident that David was running, so Saul became incensed at Jonathan for giving away his kingdom to David. Jonathan responded by going to David and affording him the protection he needed. Using a prearranged plan they were able to meet clandestinely in a field. After confirming Saul’s murderous intentions they each reaffirmed their love for each other and the covenant they had made to care for each other and their future families. This began David’s flight from Saul in earnest, and, while not his original plan, David had to call an audible.

## Study Questions for I Samuel 19-20

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Read 1 Sam 19:1-7. What was Saul’s directive (v1) and what 2 things did Jonathan do about it (v2, 4)? Why (v1)? What did he tell David (v2-3) and what did he tell his father, Saul (v4-5)? How did it turn out (v6-7)?</p>	
<p>2. Using 19:8-10 what occurred later and what did David do (v8)? What happened to Saul shortly thereafter (v9), to what did this lead (v9-10), and what resulted (v10)? How do you think the war and Saul’s actions were related?</p>	
<p>3. From 19:11-17 how did Saul try to kill David next (v11), who prevented it (v11) and how (v11-14)? How did Saul respond (v15) and what was the outcome (v16)? How did Michal defend herself (v17)? Was this right?</p>	

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## I Samuel 19-20 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In 1 Sam 19:18-24 where had David gone (v18) and how did Saul respond (v19-20) and what did God do to his messengers (v20, 21)? What did Saul do next and what happened (v22-24)?

5. According to 20:1-9 where did David go next (v1)? Retell the dialogue between Jonathan and him (v1, 2, 3, 4) and what David's solution was (v5-7). What "teeth" did he put into this (v8) and how did Jonathan respond (v9)?

6. From 20:10-17 what did David want to know next (v10) and how did Jonathan answer (v11, 12)? How did he confirm this (v13) and what covenant did they make (v14-16)? Why (v17)?

7. Looking at 20:18-23 what was their plan (v18, 19-20, 21)? What would signal safety (v21) and danger (v22)? What else was affirmed (v23)?

8. Using 20:24-29 how did the plan go on the first day and what was Saul's rationale (v24-26)? What occurred on the second (v27, 28-29)?

9. Based on 20:30-34 how did Saul react (v30) and why (v31)? What was Jonathan's response (v32)? What did Saul then do (v33) and how did it affect Jonathan (v33-34)?

10. In 20:35-42 what occurred the next morning (v35-36) and what did Jonathan signal to David (v37-40)? Describe the interchange between David and Jonathan then (v41-42)? What made these promises certain (v42)? Apply.

11. Reflecting on 1 Sam 19-20 how was David protected from Saul (19:1-7, 10, 11-17, 18-24), who were his allies, and what does this show? How did David and Jonathan determine Saul's intentions (v20:1-29) and what did they do about it (20:30-42)? Why is this a good model for blending God's sovereignty and our responsibility?

### Scripture to Remember

"As for the agreement of which you and I have spoken, behold, the Lord is between me and you forever."

**I Samuel 20:23**

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**Life Group Questions—Who Am I and Here's Why-Part 2 (Identity Theft-Ex 3-4)**  
(Using questions from Sunday's sermon, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship, helping us to grow in Christ.)

1. Ask anyone in the group to share what it was like if they have had their identity stolen. If no one has, then speculate how that would affect you outwardly and inwardly.
2. Read Exod 4:1, 10. How do these verses reveal how our past and our perception of our inability hinder God's work? What was Moses' real fear and his real problem?
3. Share which of the images of God's dealing with our past sin and failure—cleansing, casting it away, carrying it away, cancelling the debt and condemning it— means most to you and why. Do we really believe this and how do we know?
4. How did Moses perceive himself and what was wrong with this (v4:10)? To whom was he comparing himself? Which of the 2 results of comparison—pride or insecurity, affects you most?
5. Retell the parable of the talents (Matt 25). Why is the problem with low or high self-esteem (self) the same? How does low self-esteem lead us to "miss our opportunity"?
6. From the parable discuss why low self-esteem causes us to deny our responsibility.
7. How does knowing we are accountable for how we have used our potential affect you? Talk about how we can use God's answers—His presence and His people—to help us.