

Confidence in God's Supernatural Protection

1 Samuel 19:1-24

Introduction: After an initial season of success, David now enters the refiner's fire. When you enter God's refining process, you need confidence that his supernatural protection goes with you. In chapter 19, we discover that God typically uses three types of people to ensure our protection. But first we look at...

- 1. *THE PROBLEM WE ALL FACE – In the refiner's fire, we face unpredictable situations that seem to make no sense. 1 Samuel 19:1a***
 - A. *David's situation* – In spite of humble service & professional success, David's life is in danger.
 - B. *Our situation* – Followers of Christ often face situations that don't make sense to us.

- 2. *PROTECTION STRATEGY #1 – God protects through the intervention of close friends. 1 Samuel 19:1b-10***
 - A. The quality of their relationship – Jonathan greatly delights in David. 19:1b
 - B. What Jonathan does – He does three things essential to any committed relationship. 19:2-7
 - C. But David is contending with something much deeper. 19:8-10

- 3. *PROTECTION STRATEGY #2 – God protects through the intervention of our families. 1 Samuel 19:11-17***
 - A. David's marriage to Michal, like all marriages has strengths and weaknesses.
 - B. What Michal does – She sacrifices everything for her marriage. 19:11-16
 - C. But David is contending with something much deeper – deep character flaws in Saul. 19:17, 19

- 4. *PROTECTION STRATEGY #3 – God protects through the intervention of the Holy Spirit. 1 Samuel 19:18-24***
 - A. What David does – He goes to his spiritual mentor: Samuel. 19:18
 - B. What God does – He frustrates the plans of David's enemy: King Saul. 19:19-24
 - C. What we learn about God's protection from these three stories.

