



Week # 4 – The Courage to Depend on God’s Leading: 1 Samuel 21-23

Why Should We Depend On God’s Leading?

Protection Encouragement Intervention

When we don’t depend of God’s leading...

- We trust our intelligence rather than God’s **wisdom**. (21:1-2)
- We can **deceive** others.
 - Deceitfulness always has a **cost**. (22:22)
 - We can simultaneously **protect** ourselves and **hurt** others.

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- Our ability to recognize **danger** is drastically reduced. (21:7)
- We become filled with **excuses**. (21:8)
- God will use others to remind us of our **identity**. (21:10-11)
- We fear **people** and embarrass **God**. (21:12-15)

Protection

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When we depend on God’s leading...

- God will bring the right people to **help** you. (22:1-2)
- He will give you **favor** with others. (22:3-4)
- We will **follow** His instructions. (22:5)

When we reject God’s leading...

- We get comfortable in **wicked** places. (22:6)
- We **manipulate** others to follow our plans. (22:7-10)
- We **reject** the truth. (22:14-16)
- We **hurt** people, families, churches and communities.

How do we develop the courage to depend of God’s leading?

- **Admit** your self-dependence and **confess** your sins. (22:20-22)
- Be intentional about **protecting** others. (22:23)
- Ask God for **specific** direction. (23:1-2)
- **Replace** fear with faith. (23:3-4)
- Position yourself to **receive** wisdom from God. (23:6-9)

Encouragement

- Position yourself to receive **strength** and **confirmation** from God’s people.

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Intervention

- Completely **trust** in God’s faithfulness. (23:19-29)
- **Wait** patiently for God’s intervention.

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