

# Running Wild

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## SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### I. Introduction

- a. God's I'm running to you for dear life.
- b. Sometime it takes a Saul

### II. Recognize Holiness

- a. Why I'm nervous about holiness . . .
- b. Why I'm sticking with holiness . . .

### III. Learning from David how to choose Holiness

- a. 1 Samuel 24:1-15
- b. Holiness is choosing God first as a way of life
  - i. It isn't easy
- c. Holiness is cultivated by continually running to God for refuge
  - i. We can't control our circumstances but we can choose our response
  - ii. A witness of thieves

### IV. Affirm what is most important

### V. Conclusion: Expect the Turning Point

## Discussion Questions

### Sharing Life Together

1. Where do you find refuge?
2. Share about a time when you felt like you were faithful in the midst of difficult circumstances of choosing God's will for your life. Looking back, what stands out to you about that decision of walking by faith?

### Reflecting on the Message Together

1. Read 1 Samuel 24. What stands out to you about this story of David and Saul? What do you think you would have done in David's place? Why do you think David went back into hiding while Saul went home?
2. Sometimes it takes a Saul, or shipwreck, or betrayal, or even 2020. How has God used hardship and pain to help you grow up in Christ?
3. When you hear the term "holiness", what comes to mind? What is your reaction to Peterson's definition that, "Holy is our best word to describe that life - the human aliveness that comes from dealing with God-alive?"
4. How do you think you are doing right now in choosing to put God first in your life? Where do you think you are weakest? Where do you think you are strongest?
5. What would be practical reasons we should really want God to be first in our life? What makes it so hard to put God first in our life?
6. One of the ways that we cultivate holiness, cultivate "being alive to God-alive" is by turning to Him for refuge. How have you experienced God as your refuge? What are other things that you turn to for refuge in place of God?
7. How did God speak to you through the message?
8. How can we pray for one another?