

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

RESTRAINED FROM REVENGE
1 SAMUEL 25:1-31

MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE

When you are tempted to respond to evil with evil, you need the LORD's restraining hand upon your hands.

- I. Evil Represented (v.1-11)
- II. Evil Response (v.12-22)
- III. Evil Restrained (v.23-31)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

- 1. In what areas are you acting rashly in response, even to real evil?
- 2. Can you think of incidents in your own life when God's providential intervention has saved you from a wrong course of action? Do such interventions frequently figure in your thankful worship?¹
- 3. How does this text teach you more about the wonderful patience and mercy of Jesus toward you?
- 4. Covenant children – why is it sin to “get them back” when someone hurts you? What should you do instead?

FURTHER READING: Luke 12:16-21; Isa 53:7; 1 Pet 2:21-24

¹ Question from Dale Ralph Davis, *1 Samuel*, p.265