

**Series: Dreaming God's Dreams!**

**Topic: Look for Daily "God Sightings"!**

**Bible Readings: I Samuel 16:1-13; 24:1-13; Psalm 57**

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**INTRODUCTION:** In order to dream God's dreams for our life we need to be able to see God in the "every day". By looking at an example from King David in the Bible, we want to discover how to look for and recognize God's presence in our daily lives – and then also dream God's long range dreams (plans) for our lives as well.

### **A. A Biblical Example of a God Sighting:**

#### **1. The Prelude - God's long range dreams for David**

(I Samuel 16:1-13)

- God's long range dreams for David (King of Israel).
- God considers David's heart, not his outward appearance.  
As we consider dreaming God's dreams, may we remember that He sees us differently than we do. He sees not just who we are, but who we can become.
- When God provides us with a dream, He gives us the power to carry it out, through His Holy Spirit.

#### **2. The Daily God Sighting (I Samuel 24:1-13)**

- While a fugitive, on the run from King Saul, God provides David with a wonderful example of His ability to care for the king to be. This daily God sighting encourages David to continue dreaming God's long range dreams.

#### **3. Journaling the Daily God Sighting (Psalm 57)**

- Here are David's thoughts about this God sighting, which encourages him to continue dreaming God's dreams.

### **B . Where to look for God Sightings?**

#### **1. In answers to prayer (I Peter 3:12):**

- Knowing that God answers prayer can be such an encouragement to us. Viewing them as daily God sightings can give us even more strength to carry on.
- Question: What "God sightings" showed up as answers to prayer in your own life?

## **2. Where God's care is clearly evident (Psalm 57:10):**

- It's obvious by David's words in Psalm 57 that he experienced God's care in clear ways.
- Question: What ways can you identify where God clearly demonstrated His care to you?

## **3. Through unusual linkages or timings (1 Samuel 24:1-13):**

- It wasn't coincidence that Saul ended up in the very cave where David was hiding. The timing made it clear that it was a God sighting meant for David's provision.
- Question: What unusual linkages or timings can you identify in your own life that would appear to be daily God sightings?

## **C. How to Remember God Sightings?**

### **1. See God through the eyes of a child:**

- In Matthew 18:1-4 Jesus tells His disciples to come to Him like little children.
- In order to recognize daily God sightings in our lives we need the same trust in God that a child exhibits.

### **2. Keep a journal:**

- In many ways the book of Psalms is an intimate journal of the many God sightings in the life of David and others.
- Keeping a journal of God sightings gives us encouragement through both tough experiences and joyful experiences.

### **3. Look for stories of God's faithfulness in the Bible:**

- Begin with Psalm 57.
- When we do this it builds faith and trust in His ability and desire to act in the everyday, dreaming great dreams for us.

**CONCLUSION:** My encouragement to you is to look for the daily "God Sightings" in your life. Because when you see God in the everyday, you will more clearly be able to recognize God's long range dreams for you and your church.