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Hard Leadership Lessons

1 Sam 21-22/Matt 12:1-8

Jesus uses 1 Sam 21 to make a point about the Sabbath in Matt 12:1-8. Why was it alright for David to take the bread that was only for the priests when he lived under the God's Law given through Moses as did Jesus?

What did David learn about being clever in his two deceptions (1 Sam 21:1-2, 10-14 and 22:1, 22)? What have you learned about exercising your own talents to make things work out?

When is it permissible or even obligatory for a Christian to deceive others (e.g. hiding people from others who would kill them, etc.)? How much do we withhold or mischaracterize every day to spare other's feelings? Where is the line or does it move around (Matt 10:15-16; 1 Cor 3:1-3)?

Two of David's psalms- 34 and 52 –are later ascribed to these two incidents. In the pressure of consequences and the difficulty of carrying out God's call, how much grace and assurance does David find (Ps 34:4-8; Ps 52:8-9)?

What in your role as a follower of Jesus, husband or wife, parent, teacher, employer, employee, etc. has helped you see that the answers are not always simple or clear? How has Jesus reassured you in the midst of life's chaos that "I will be with you to the end" even if you get a lot of this wrong?

How solid is God's love in Christ towards you when you head out onto the battlefield of life (Rom 8:1, 37-39)?