Cultivating A Heart For God (A Study of the Life of David)

“Better Than Revenge”

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Introduction:
A. Our natural inclination when someone ________ us is to try to get
   ________ by __________ them back.
B. The people of God do not ______________.
C. If there ever was someone who had a ________ to take vengeance
   into his own hands, it was __________.

The Story
A. The name En Gedi means “_________ of the ________”
B. One of the greatest tests of character comes at moments like
   these, when our ________ is in a most ________ situation.
C. So what did David do? He cut off the ________ of Saul’s
   ________.
D. In Saul’s rational moments, he know the truth—that David is
   not a ________, and that David is righteous, and will be the next
   ________.
E. _____ chapters later we see that Saul is once again in
   __________ of David.
F. In the second story, instead of taking Saul’s life, David took his
   ________ and his ________ ______.
G. Saul was again cut to the heart and said, “I have ________.”
H. This was the last ____________ between King Saul and David.

II. The Application
A. We should expect that we are going to be ____________.
B. We should anticipate feelings of ____________.
C. We should leave the __________ in the __________ of God.

Answer Key:  Intro.: A. hurts, revenge, hurting.  B. retaliate.  C. right, David.  I.A.
spring, goat.  I.B. enemy, vulnerable.  I.C. corner, robe.  I.D. usurper, king.  I.E. Two,
pursuit.  I.F. spear, water, jug.  I.G. sinned.  I.H. encounter.  II.A. mistreated.  II.B.
revenge.  II.C. matter, hands.