

# Seeking the Lord: Persistence and Trust in God's Guidance

*1 Samuel 23*

**Main idea:** To emphasize the importance of seeking God's will in every aspect of our lives and to provide practical suggestions for doing so.

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Continue exploring the theme of seeking the Lord by emphasizing the importance of persistence and trust in God's guidance. Here are some suggestions to move forward with your sermon:

1. Highlight the example of David in 1 Samuel 23: David sought the Lord's guidance multiple times before making decisions. Emphasize the importance of seeking God's will in every aspect of our lives.
2. Expand on the concept of seeking the Lord through prayer and meditation. Use passages like Matthew 7:7-8 and Philippians 4:6-7 to emphasize the promise that God will answer those who seek Him diligently.
3. Discuss the benefits of seeking the Lord, such as finding wisdom, peace, and direction. Incorporate verses like Proverbs 8:17, Isaiah 55:6, and Psalm 32:8 to support these points.

4. Address potential obstacles to seeking the Lord, such as distractions, doubt, or impatience. Use passages like James 1:5-8 and Psalm 27:14 to encourage perseverance and trust in God's timing.

5. Explore the idea of seeking the Lord collectively as a church community. Discuss the importance of corporate prayer, worship, and studying God's Word together.

Reference passages like Acts 2:42-47 and Hebrews 10:24-25.

6. Offer practical suggestions for seeking the Lord in daily life, such as setting aside dedicated time for prayer and Bible study, joining a small group or prayer circle, or engaging in acts of service.

Remember to incorporate relevant language suggestions from the original languages if applicable, but prioritize clarity and accessibility for your audience.