

# 1 Samuel 26:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill afar off; a great space being between them:

## Analysis

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David's strategic withdrawal to 'the top of an hill afar off' with 'a great space being between them' demonstrates military wisdom combined with moral courage. The distance ensured physical safety while allowing his voice to carry across the valley, a common means of communication in mountainous terrain. This positioning reflects David's consistent pattern: confronting injustice verbally while refusing to execute vengeance personally, leaving judgment to God while proclaiming truth.

## Historical Context

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The Judean wilderness contains numerous hills and valleys that create natural amphitheaters where sound carries remarkably well. Military communications across such terrain were common in ancient warfare. The distance David maintained prevented any immediate pursuit while enabling dialogue.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How do you maintain appropriate boundaries while still speaking truth to those who have wronged you?
2. What role does physical or emotional distance play in healthy confrontation?

## Interlinear Text

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וָעָבַר	דָּוִד	הָעֵבֶר	וָעָמַד	עַל	רֹאשׁ	הַהַר
went over	Then David	to the other side	and stood	H5921	on the top	of an hill
H5674	H1732	H5676	H5975		H7218	H2022

מְרַחֵק	כִּבְיָ	הַמָּקוֹם	בְּיַנְיָהֵם
afar off	a great	space	H996
H7350	H7227	H4725	

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