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1 Samuel 23

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Introduction

- Summary: 1 Sam 18:28-29
 - When Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him, 29 then Saul was even more afraid of David. Thus Saul was David's enemy continually.
- Question: Why did the Lord choose to put David through all that he endured through this period of his life?
 - 1) 1 Pet 1:6-7
 - God used this difficult period in David's life to prove and solidify David's faith
 - 2) God also used this period to further refine David
- Last Lesson – Chap 22
 - David leaves Gath, hides in a cave at Adullam, and goes to Moab to protect his parents
 - After leaving Moab, David hides out in the Forest of Hereth



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2. Cave of Adullam → Cave of Adullam

4. Forest of Hereth → Giloh

5. Keilah → Keilah

6. Ziph → Ziph (near Hebron)

7. Maon → Maon

8. Engedi → Engedi

3. Mizpah of Moab
David leaves his parents (22:1-5)

David Running from Saul - 1 Sam 22-23

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Site of the
city of Keilah



Site of the
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(from west)



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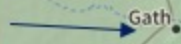
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- David heard about the problem and inquires of the Lord
 - God commanded David to attack
- The concerns of David's men
- Crisis point: will David choose to obey God, or decide that the concerns of his men are valid?
 - David decided to double-check with God.
 - God confirms His direction
 - David obeys
 - Result: God accomplished exactly what he said and the Philistines were defeated and plundered.

II. David Eludes Saul (6-14)

- Saul heard about David's victory and thought that he could trap David inside the city.
- David knew what Saul would conclude and recognized that he could be trapped.
- David inquired of God and God confirmed that David would be handed over by the people of Keilah if Saul laid siege to the city.
- David fled south to Ziph – likely spent a few years.
- Saul remained fixated on finding and killing David



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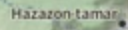
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Wilderness of
Ziph



III. Jonathan Encourages David (15-18)

- Saul discovered the area in which David was hiding and was likely on his way.
- Jonathan gets to David first.
 - Question: what was the basis of Jonathan's encouragement?
 - The nature and character of God – God would be faithful to bring His word to fruition.
- Jonathan and David make another covenant to be faithful to each other.

IV. The Ziphites Betray David (19-23)

- The Ziphites travel to Saul in Gibeah and tell him they know where David is.
- Saul is very pleased by this, and asks them to get the specifics.
- David's response – Psalm 54 – comprised of 2 sections
 - 1) David's desperate prayer (1-3)
 - 2) David's steadfast confidence (4-7)

V. David Delivered from Saul at Maon (24-29)

- The Ziphites return and discover the specific hiding place of David
- Saul comes down with his army and out maneuver and surround David and his men.
- In God's providential timing, a messenger informed Saul about the Philistines conducting a raid. So, Saul calls off the pursuit of David.
- David leaves and moves camp to En Gedi along the Dead Sea shoreline.



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Spring

Lessons/Conclusions

- Remember that God often allows periods of hardship into our lives to prove out our faith.
- When we are in difficult situations, we should remind ourselves of nature of character of our faithful God.
- Prayer is a critical part to our success in living faithfully
- Recognize the value of Christian friendship that is rooted in Christ and the gospel. We should both be thankful for the Christian friends in our lives and should seek to befriend to those around us.