



I Samuel

Part #18 –
David Escapes to
Nob

Inappropriate behavior wipes out
entire priesthood

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Introduction

Key Scriptures

- Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee? . – 1 Samuel 21:1
- Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present. – 1 Samuel 21:3
- So the priest gave him hallowed bread: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away. – 1 Samuel 21:6



Introduction – Cont'd

Key Scriptures

- Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul. – 1 Samuel 21:7
- And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. – 1 Samuel 21:13
- And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men. – 1 Samuel 22:2



Introduction – Cont'd

Key Scriptures

- And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me. – 1 Samuel 22:3
- And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth. – 1 Samuel 22:5
- Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house? Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute any thing unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more. – 1 Samuel 22:14,15



Keys

Inappropriate behaviors wipes out entire priesthood

- Consequences of our action
- Death by incrimination
- Our actions beyond the presence of God
- A bag of probable leaders
- One touch of God makes a difference
- Quick witted and pithy or outright deceptive!
- Rough bunch amidst the pressures of life



In this lesson

Inappropriate behaviors wipes out entire priesthood

- Basic intuitions
- Behaviors
- Blatant truths
- Betrayals
- Boosters



Basic intuitions

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Basic intuitions and pre admonitions

- Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?
- Abimelech knew something was way off!
- Let down his guard!



Behaviors

And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place. – 1 Samuel 21:2

Strategic ploy or outright deception

- Consequences of Misinformation
- The end justified the means?
- What is only lawful for the priest to eat – Exodus 25:30; Matthew 12:4; Mark 2:26; Luke 6:4
- Omissions



Blatant Truths

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Last words!

- Meant to dissuade the madness of King Saul
- Saul was not without a repeated testimony of David's integrity
- The righteous held in the snare of a wicked king – John 8:40; John 16:2



Betrayals

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Detained before the LORD!

- In the presence of the LORD that day
- What it means to be detained before the LORD – Exodus 33:11
- Allegiances and pacts that come to hunt later – 1 Samuel 22:9; John 8:40; John 16:2
- Tools in the hands of the devil – Pontius Pilate and the Sanhedrin – Luke 23:12
- Led to the destruction of the priests and families in Nob – 1 Samuel 22:18



Boosters

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Timely and perhaps unlikely methods of comfort

- The Prophet Gad advice to David to strengthen his resolve – God is still with you
- Compacts with another King – unlikely resource
- Those in Debt, Distress & Discontent
- 3 Ds - Given at the time when you are in search of meaning
- They have seen the God in you too!
- Bootcamp begins with misfits – Obedience and balances limit the wilderness experience



Summary

David begins his life in exile – Did I hear the LORD say – You're going to BOOTCAMP!



Next Week

Bootcamp Begins! – David in preparation in the classroom of the wilderness continues