



# I Samuel

Part #19 –

## David – Wilderness Begins

An unlikely confidant strengthens David

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# Introduction

## **Key Scriptures**

- Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors. – 1 Samuel 23:1
- Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah. – 1 Samuel 23:2
- And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines? – 1 Samuel 23:3



# Introduction – Cont'd

## Key Scriptures

- Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand. – 1 Samuel 23:4
- Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down. – 1 Samuel 23:11
- Then David and his men, *which were* about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbore to go forth. – 1 Samuel 23:13



# Introduction – Cont'd

## **Key Scriptures**

- And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. – 1 Samuel 23:16
- And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them. – 1 Samuel 23:26
- Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place Selahammahlekoth. – 1 Samuel 23:28



# Keys

**The report of a distant war saves David from King Saul's imminent capture.**

- Cause and Conviction
- Relying on the counsel of the LORD
- Circumstances can corrode confidence and instill fear
- Short memories despite great sacrifices
- When all you see is your adversary on every side
- No time to relax
- Strength from an unlikely resource



# In this lesson

## **Inappropriate behaviors wipes out entire priesthood**

- Causes
- Consecrations
- Cautions
- Confidence not Cowardice
- Control – By His Counsel



# Causes

*Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors. – 1 Samuel 23:1*

## **The wilderness was not able to quench the cause and the call**

- Although David was fleeing for his life – He kept the cause and the call alive
- The circumstances were out of his control, but the cause was burning
- You don't take your cues from men to determine potency or strength of the cause in you
- Guard the cause from corrosion or adulteration



# Consecrations

*Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah. – 1 Samuel 23:2*

## **Check-in with the Source not the resource**

- One of the essentials of bootcamp
- David had to put his consecration ahead to put his ego in check! Your ego is not your amigo
- He could not rely on the men with him for direction. He had to check-in with the Source
- Your questions matter
- The only control mention in the Bible that belongs to you is self-control





# Cautions

*Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down. Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up. – 1 Samuel 23:11,12*

## **Don't assume. God allows verification**

- A multipart prayer warrants a multipart response.
- Be diligent to obtain an answer of peace, even if it is not what you want to hear
- Some answers will leave you bewildered, but you must still move with courage – v13
- The adversary does not take a break



# Confidence not Cowardice

*And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth. And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house. – 1 Samuel 23:16-18*

## **Strength from an unlikely resource and confidant**

- The word of Jonathan – contrasted against the warrant of King Saul.
- The word of prophecy in the times of weakness – Psalm 68:9
- It was given to keep his composure despite the danger ahead
- Prophecy given to strengthen your resolve - to persevere beyond the danger ahead



# Control – By His Counsel

*And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them. – Psalms 105:19*

## **Commitment to the God of the Word for safety**

- It is the word you have heard that is on trial – don't toss it!
- His word will come to pass – Psalms 105:19
- It looks like you are not going to survive the trial
- When it looks like all was lost – 1 Samuel 23:27-28



# Summary

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



# Next Week

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