

What We Can Learn From David's Struggles

Sierra Community Church Dan Wilvers July 24th, 2011 **Part 5**

1. _____ in God's care

I look for someone to come and help me, but no one gives me a passing thought! No one will help me; no one cares a bit what happens to me. 5 Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say, "You are my place of refuge. You are all I really want in life. Psalm 142:4b,5

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy! I look to you for protection. I will hide beneath the shadow of your wings until the danger passes by. Psalm 57:1

My heart is confident in you, O God; my heart is confident. Ps. 57:7

2. _____ my concerns to God

I pour out my complaints before him and tell him all my troubles. 3 When I am overwhelmed, you alone know the way I should turn. Psalm 142:2-3

Hear my cry, for I am very low. Psalm 142:6a

3. Acknowledge my _____

Rescue me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me. Psalm 142:6b

I am surrounded by fierce lions who greedily devour human prey— whose teeth pierce like spears and arrows, and whose tongues cut like swords. ... My enemies have set a trap for me. I am weary from distress. They have dug a deep pit in my path... Psalm 57:4,6a

4. Even in the face of disaster, God's purpose _____

"I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills His purpose for me... God sends His love and His faithfulness." Psalm 57:2,3b



When It's Hard To Believe

After his success against Goliath, things get bad for David...

"David was prospering in all his ways, for the LORD was with him... When Saul saw that he was prospering greatly, he dreaded him." 1 Samuel 18:14,15

Though he had done no wrong and in fact had been courageous, and trusted the LORD with his own life, David now finds himself in the greatest struggle of his life.

David the hero becomes a fugitive

David has to run six times in four chapters

Saul hurled his spear at David. But David dodged out of the way, and leaving the spear stuck in the wall, **he fled and escaped** into the night. 1 Samuel 19:10

But Michal, David's wife, warned him, "If you don't escape tonight, you will be dead by morning." 12 So she helped him climb out through a window, **and he fled and escaped**. 1 Samuel 19:11,12

So David escaped and went to Ramah to see Samuel, and he told him all that Saul had done to him. 1 Samuel 19:18

David now fled from Naioth in Ramah and found Jonathan. "What have I done?" he exclaimed. "What is my crime? How have I offended your father that he is so determined to kill me?" 1 Samuel 20:1

So David escaped from Saul and went to King Achish of Gath. 1 Samuel 21:10

So David left Gath **and escaped** to the cave of Adullam. 1 Samuel 22:1

Jonathan Sums Up The Injustice

Jonathan spoke with his father about David, ...“He’s never done anything to harm you. He has always helped you in any way he could. 5 Have you forgotten about the time he risked his life to kill the Philistine giant and how the Lord brought a great victory to all Israel as a result? You were certainly happy about it then. Why should you murder an innocent man like David? There is no reason for it at all!”

1 Samuel 19:4

All the things David unjustly lost during this time

1. _____
David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the Lord was with him. ...16 But all Israel and Judah loved David because he was so successful at leading his troops into battle. 1 Samuel 18:14,16

Then Saul sent troops to watch David’s house. They were told to kill David when he came out the next morning. 1 Samuel 19:11

2. _____
But Michal, David’s wife, warned him, “If you don’t escape tonight, you will be dead by morning.” 12 So she helped him climb out through a window, and he fled and escaped. 1 Samuel 19:11,12

Saul, meanwhile, had given his daughter **Michal**, David’s wife, to a man from Gallim named Palti son of Laish. 1 Samuel 25:44

**David eventually got Michal back,
but there relationship was never the same.**

3. _____
Then Samuel took David with him to live at Naioth. 19 When the report reached Saul that David was at Naioth in Ramah, 20 he sent troops to capture him. 1 Samuel 19:18-20

David now fled from Naioth in Ramah and found Jonathan.
1 Samuel 20:1

David never saw Samuel alive again

4. _____
At last Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, for we have sworn loyalty to each other in the Lord’s name. The Lord is the witness of a bond between us and our children forever.” Then David left, and Jonathan returned to the town. 1 Samuel 20:42

David would never see Jonathan alive again

5. _____
David went to the town of Nob to see Ahimelech the priest. Ahimelech trembled when he saw him. “Why are you alone?” he asked. “Why is no one with you?”² “The king has sent me on a private matter,” David said. “He told me not to tell anyone why I am here. 1 Samuel 21:1,2

6. _____
So David escaped from Saul and went to King Achish of Gath. 1 Samuel 21:10

David ... was very afraid of what King Achish of Gath might do to him. 13 So he pretended to be insane, scratching on doors and drooling down his beard. 1 Samuel 21:12,13

Finally, David ends up in a literal cave...

“So David... escaped to the cave of Adullam. 1 Samuel 22:1

One of at least two psalms—Psalm 57 & 142—written in the cave

“I look for someone to come and help me, but no one gives me a passing thought! No one will help me; no one cares a bit what happens to me. Psalm 142:4