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Learning from David

## Part 8: Choosing to Live Behind Enemy Lines

O LORD, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way?2 How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand?

Psalm 13:1,2

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But David kept thinking to himself, "Someday Saul is going to get me. 1 Samuel 27:1a
The best thing for me to do is escape to the Philistines. Then Saul will top hunting for me, and I will finally be safe." 1 Samuel 27:1b
o David took his six hundred men and their families and went to live a
Sath under the protection of King Achish. 1 Samuel 27:2

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Word soon reached Saul that David had fled to Gath, so he stopped
hunting for him6 So Achish gave him the town of Ziklag.
1 Samuel 27:4,6

David and his men spent their time raiding ...9 David didn't leave one person alive in the villages he attacked. ...11 No one was left alive to come to Gath and tell where he had really been. This happened again and again while he was living among the Philistines.

1 Samuel 27:8,9,11

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Three days later, when David and his men arrived home at their town of Ziklag, they found that the Amalekites had made a raid into the Negev and had burned Ziklag to the ground. 2 They had carried off the women and children and everyone else but without killing anyone. 3 When David and his men saw the ruins and realized what had happened to their families, 4 they wept until they could weep no more.

1 Samuel 30:1-4

"David was now in serious trouble because his men were very bitter about losing their wives and children, and they began to talk of stoning him. But David found strength in the LORD his God. 1 Samuel 30:6

I have swept away your sins like the morning mists. I have scattered your offenses like the clouds. Oh, return to me, for I have paid the price to set you free." Isaiah. 44:22

<sup>&</sup>quot;Where did you make your raid today?" Achish would ask.
And David would reply, "Against the south of Judah, 1 Samuel 27:10