

# Giving in to Despair

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1 Samuel 27:1-28:2

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## **How Did We Get Here?**

- David was just confident in God's deliverance<sup>26:24</sup>, but now?
- David is being shown in all his humanity & sin
- All the heroes of the Bible are scoundrels and criminals except Jesus
- That is the Glorious Gospel Truth – God had to send what we need
- We can be saved by faith alone in Christ alone<sup>Rom3:22</sup>

## **Weakness in Anxiety and Weariness**

- David starts the chapter with stinking thinking
- We all 'speak to ourselves', speak Biblical truth, not despair

## **Beware the Pressures of Life**

- David was under lots of pressure - responsibilities, no peace, betrayal, 9 chps of trouble
- Beware of standing in judgment of David
- Focus on feeding your soul TRUE PROPAGANDA not Lk12:19
- David needed a covenant friend like Jonathan<sup>Psalm91:1-2,9-10</sup>

## **Relief through Unspiritual Means**

- David flees out of Israel to the land of the Philistines<sup>2-4</sup>
- Last time that was almost disastrous<sup>21:13</sup>
- Narrator just reports, surprisingly David's plan seems to work

## **David's Plan**

- David lives in Gath, asks for a town – given Ziklag<sup>6</sup>
- David takes a rightful possession of Israel<sup>Josh15:31</sup>

## **David Living in the Land**

- David managed a tough situation, raided enemies
- David was lying to Achish - this was a compromise
- David was rightly taking back land for Israel, unlike Saul<sup>15:2-3</sup>
- Mixture of good & bad by David : against Psalm 34:13-14
- Was David doing God's work using God's ways?
- David was not able to manage the unforeseen consequences<sup>27:12</sup>

## **So What Do We Learn?**

- This chapter never mentions God or anyone seeking God...
- Why is this chapter included in Bible?
- *Davis: we're supposed to get a grip on God's grace*
- There's no hero in this chapter... we must look for God's provision!
- This chapter shows David's faults – he is not the savior, Jesus is!
- Achish was foolish – he trusted David, Don't trust mere men<sup>Rom15:4</sup>
- As people dwelling in darkness<sup>Mt4:16</sup>, we must look to Jesus
- When Jesus entered Jerusalem met prophecy of True King<sup>Mt21:4-5</sup>
- Remember, God usually uses sinful clay like you and me!
- Jesus broke the curse of sin<sup>Lk1:35</sup> by virgin birth to save<sup>Mt1:21</sup> us
- Never, ever lose sight of God's grace to broken people like David and you! Rest in God's Amazing Grace found in Jesus!