

DAVID – FROM BOY TO KING

#5 DAVID – LOVE MY NEIGHBOUR?

▶ **Going through a Wilderness Experience**

- **Provision**
- **God's training**
- **Leadership**
- **Learning**
- **Guidance**
- **Betrayal**
- **Praise**



► Psalm 57

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Your glory be above all the earth.*

For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth:
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
I Exalt Thee! I Exalt Thee!
I Exalt Thee, O Lord!



1 Samuel 22

David and his men leave the cave of Adullam.

3. From there David went to Mizpah in Moab and said to the king of Moab, "Would you let my father and mother come and stay with you until I learn what God will do for me?" So he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him as long as David was in the stronghold.

But the prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold. Go into the land of Judah." So David left and went to the forest of Hereth.



1 Samuel 23

When David was told, "Look, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah and are looting the threshing floors," he inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go and attack these Philistines?"

The LORD answered him, "Go, attack the Philistines and save Keilah."

Luke 10: 25-

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbour as yourself.' "

And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"



1 Samuel 23

But David's men said to him, "Here in Judah we are afraid. How much more, then, if we go to Keilah against the Philistine forces!"

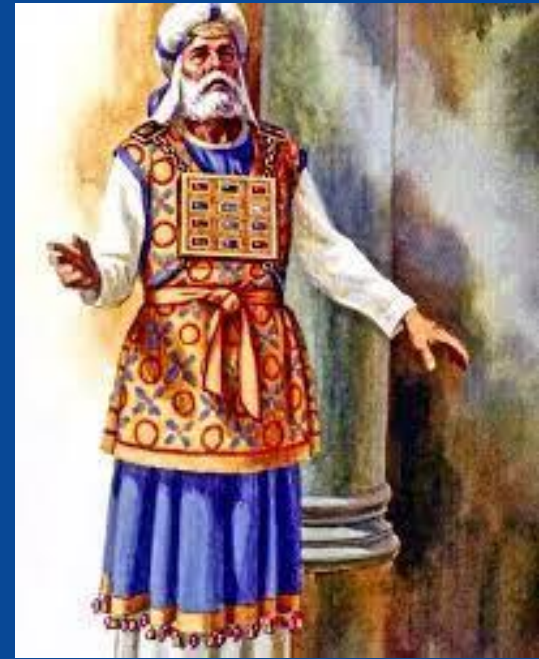
Once again David inquired of the LORD, and the LORD answered him, "Go down to Keilah, for I am going to give the Philistines into your hand."

So David and his men went to Keilah, fought the Philistines and carried off their livestock. He inflicted heavy losses on the Philistines and saved the people of Keilah.

1 Samuel 23

Saul was told that David had gone to Keilah, and he said, "God has delivered him into my hands, for David has imprisoned himself by entering a town with gates and bars." And Saul called up all his forces for battle, to go down to Keilah to besiege David and his men.

When David learned that Saul was plotting against him, he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring the ephod." ... David said, "LORD, God of Israel, your servant has heard definitely that Saul plans to come to Keilah and destroy the town on account of me.



1 Samuel 23

*Will the citizens of Keilah surrender me to him?
Will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? LORD,
God of Israel, tell your servant."*

And the LORD said, "He will."

*Again David asked, "Will the citizens of Keilah surrender
me and my men to Saul?"*

And the LORD said, "They will."

1 Samuel 23

So David and his men, about six hundred in number, left Keilah and kept moving from place to place. When Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah, he did not go there.

David stayed in the wilderness strongholds and in the hills of the Desert of Ziph. Day after day Saul searched for him, but God did not give David into his hands.

--Now David and his men were in the Desert of Maon David went up from there and lived in the strongholds of En Gedi.

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Disappointment: *V11*

- The people David has helped will now knife him in the back by planning to hand him over to Saul
- So they flee Keilah to Ziph, Maon then En-Gedi carting 600 families, a direct consequence of loving their neighbour.

Eph 1:4 NLT

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also died for sins once for all time, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit

Luke 23:34

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do."

