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Shalom, and welcome to Via Haftah Israel, a Hebrew phrase which means you shall love Israel. We hope you'll stay with us for the next 30 minutes as our teacher, Dr. Baruch, shares his expository teaching from the Bible. Dr. Baruch is the senior lecturer at the Zara Avraham Institute, based in Israel, although all courses are taught in Hebrew at the institute, Dr. Baruch is pleased to share this weekly address in English. To find out more about our work in Israel, please visit us on the web@loveisrael.org that's one word, loveisrael.org Now here's Baruch with today's lesson.

David is indeed a man of God, and David is going to demonstrate humility, and he is going to do something that shows that he is not an enemy of King Shaul, but rather a servant. With that said, take out your Bible and look with me to First Samuel, and chapter 27 Again, First Samuel and Chapter 27 Now, David is going to do something that is quite remarkable, because he is going to go to the enemy, in other words, the greatest enemy that the children of Israel had during this time of Israel's history were the Philistines, and David is going to go there and dwell among them, but we're going to learn a very important truth, and what is that truth? David is going to not fight with the Philistines, but he is going to claim to be fighting against the children of Israel, and because David is a man of honor, we're going to see that the king of God, by the name of Achish, is going to believe him, even though David was not speaking truth. Now we need to understand something. We've discussed this before, and it's this: we are always called to be truthful people, but there are times when we do not speak the truth if doing so would endanger other individuals. In other words, I've given the example. If there's a police informant and they are asked, are you working for the police? Obviously that person is going to say no, because if he said yes, it could bring about his own death, and perhaps others who brought him into the criminal organization. So, we need to be wise. We don't want to speak in such a way that our truth is going to bring about a disastrous outcome, meaning others are going to be put to death because of what we have said, and we'll see this taught to us from the scripture in a most clear manner in a moment. So, again, look with me to First Samuel, chapter 27 Let's begin with verse one, where it says, and David said to his heart now, again, that is a Hebrew idiom that lets us know that David is thanking, because what does a man do with his heart? As the Bible says, as a man thinketh with his heart. So, when David spoke to his heart, he was in the decision-making process. Continue on he says. Now I will come, and if you do a good study of this word, many times it will say to my destruction or to perish, but it's really the simple word for end. David understands something. If he doesn't make the right decision, he is going to come to his end, and what is that? Well, keep reading, he says one day, meaning on a certain day into the hand of Sheol, and therefore recognizing that even though he has been blessed and the providence of God has preserved him and has delivered him from the hand of his enemy. He realized one day he may not be so fortunate, and therefore he says, "Keep reading in the middle of verse one. He says, "There is nothing for me good. Some Bibles will say nothing for me better than I should utterly flee to the land of the Philistines. Now, just imagine that David is a child of Israel. He has been anointed the king of Israel, and what is he going to do well, it says here that he is going to utterly flee to the land of the Philistines, and that, and the reason for that is that Shaul will become overwhelmed or dejected from me, meaning from David, from seeking me any longer in any of the borders of Israel, I will escape from his hand. So David's doing that in order to preserve life. Keep reading. Move on to verse two. And David got up, and he passed over him and 600 men, which were with him. Now you'll remember that in the previous chapter we see that David took 400 men and he left 200 with the supplies. Here when we look at it, it speaks about that same number of 600 men that were with him, and he says to Achish, the son of Mao, the king of Gath. So David has a plan, and what is that plan?

He is going to leave the land of Israel, and he is going to dwell in the land of the Philistines, in a town called Gath. Move on now to verse three. And David dwelt with Achish in Gath he and his men, and then it says every man and his household, David and his two wives, what were his wife's name, Achish Noam the Jezreelite, and Abigail the wife of Nabal. Now some will interpret, and they will say the widow of Nabal. Well, he is dead, but if we look here, it's simply Eshai Nabal, which means the wife of Nabal, and she is from Carmel, or a Carmelite. Now look at verse four, and it was told to Achish that David had fled to Gath, and therefore, because of that, he did not continue anymore to seek him. So David's plan is working very well. We find that Achish is no longer pursuing David. Why? Well, Achish did not like the Philistines. He didn't want to give them a reason to make war with the children of Israel. So David is there, and therefore he stopped pursuing after David. Look now to verse five, and David said to Achish, "If please, I have found favor in your eyes. Let them give to me a place in one of the cities of the field, meaning in the country, and I will dwell there. Why should your servant dwell in one of the royal cities with you? And we find in verse six, and it was given to him by Achish on that day. Gath, therefore Gath was to the kings of Judah, even until this day. So we find that David, and this is an important truth, because it was David's statement that brought this land that belonged to the Philistines. This place called Gath brought it now under the administration of the kings of Judah. So this is a confirmation that what David is doing, God is blessing, God is agreeing with, and there's a good outcome from what David is doing. Look now to verse seven, and it came about the number of days, and that's literally what it says, the number of days which David dwelt in the country of the Philistines, and notice it says Yamin. Yamin means days. Now many people will say that when that term appears by itself, days is referring to a year. Whether that's true or not, you can investigate, and then we have an. In four months, so David was there for one year and four months. Now we know that a year is 12 months, and therefore we're talking about 16 months. Let's learn a little bit about the truth concerning Hebrew numerology. The number 10 speaks of that which is in its entirety or wholeness, and we know that the number six speaks about grace, and therefore what we find here is that God's grace was utterly or entirely upon this situation, and what's going to happen. Well, let's press on to verse eight, where it says, and David went up, and his men, and what would they do? They would raid, and we have different groups of people, the Geshites, also the the Gittites, and the Amalekites, because behold, dwellers of the land from a long time ago, and they would come to, or you would come to Shurah and unto the land of Egypt, so we're talking about something that was going on for a long period of time. These individuals were in the land, now this was the promised land, but they were dwelling in there all the way to Egypt, as we see at the end of verse eight. Now verse nine, and David would strike the land and would not leave a man or a woman, and he would take the sheep, literally it's the term sown for flock, and the cattle, and the donkeys, and the camels, and the garments, and it says here that he would dwell and come to Gath, or he would return and come to Gath. So he was going out raiding these places. Now we're going to come to a very interesting truth. Notice what it says, that he would go and raid these places, and he would not let any of the inhabitants live.

There's a reason for that, and he would also take, as it says here, the sheep, the cattle, the donkey, the camels, and the clothes and David return and come to Achish, verse 10, and Achish said, "Do not, do not raid today, and David said, "Or where have you raided today? And David would say concerning the south of Judah, or concerning the south of Yerchehmaelie, or the south of the Canites. Now he would say this, but it was not true. He was going to, as it says here, these places that belong to the Philistines, and he was killing, and notice what it says in verse 11, a man and a woman he did not allow to live, David did not, why to bring to God, saying less they would say concerning us, speaking thus David did, and thus was his judgment all the days which he dwelt in the countryside of the Philistines, so we see here David is not being truthful. Why not? Well, very simply, if David said to Achish, the king of God, one of the five Philistine cities, what he was doing, what do you think that Achish would do to him. Well, it's obvious he would want to put David to death, and not just David, but these 600 men who were with him. And remember, also each one of these men had a household, had a family, and therefore we see very clearly in this passage, why David said what he did, he was not speaking truth. Generally, being truthful is the right thing to do, but if our truthfulness puts others at a risk, then we would not want to tell the truth, I. Again, this is a unique situation. I would go so far to say it's a very rare situation, but let me give you some examples of this that will may be very relevant in the future. For example, you will be asked, perhaps, if you are alive in the end times, tell me, where are other believers who are other believers? Well, I would simply say I don't know of any. Now, obviously I would, but I would not want to divulge that information. Why doing so would put others at risk, and this is not something which is proper for us to do, we don't want to see a life loss, but rather we want to be individuals that are a blessing to others, that we're willing to lay down our life for others. So, if it meant losing my life not to divulge who are other believers? I would want to die rather than to share something that would cause some other believer to be arrested, to be mistreated, to be tortured, or to be put to death. And this is the principle we're learning from David. Sometimes giving out information is not the best course of action. Why? Because when you do, you are putting other people to risk. You are providing information whereby with that information the enemy can use it to exploit and to punish, and perhaps even to kill other brothers and sisters in the Lord. So we would simply not want to do that. Well, look now to verse 12, where it says Achish believed in David, saying, and notice his assumption, because David had said this, that he was going to the south of Judah, or the south of other places in the land of Israel. What did Achish assume and believe? Well, it says here that he had made himself abhorrent among his people in Israel. Now that's what he assumed. You should never assume you should verify. You should check on it, but Achish didn't. He knew what type of person David was, that David was a truthful man, that what David said you could rely upon, but in this unique situation David did not want to say, well, I'm going into the land of the Philistines, and I'm going from one city to another, one location to another, and I'm putting to death every Philistine man, every Philistine woman, and the animals I'm taking, and the garments I'm taking, and what is he doing with that? Well, he's given it to fellow Israelis, fellow Israelites.

Why David wanted to be a blessing, and we see sometimes, yes, in a general way, honesty is the best policy, but if your honesty is going to mean that someone is going to be arrested or tortured or put to death, it's better simply to say I don't know. Certainly, we should never divulge that information that's going to be a risk to someone else. That's simply not the right thing to do. David didn't do that, and all of this is being written down as an example for us. We don't want to speak in a way that causes others to be in great danger, so notice what it says. Verse 12 again, Achish believed in David, saying he has made himself abhorrent among his people in Israel. Therefore, notice what he concluded, and he will be for me a servant forever. Well, here's the problem. You might remember what was David interested in. David wanted a good testimony before the Lord. If we go back, for example, into the previous chapter, we see something David understood the truth of scripture, and David was concerned about having a good testimony before the Lord, not before others, but before the Lord. Why? Because the Lord was the priority of his life, and he wanted to do the things that would cause others to be blessed, others to be safe, others not to suffer. This is what a true believer does. Now I realize that there are going to be individuals that say no, you must always speak the truth, but I would just simply say this: if your words are going to put another at risk, don't do that. You are not being so holy and so spiritually mature if what you say is going to cause another person to suffer great harm, that's simply not what we do. Again, I'll say this for a third time. As a general rule, yes, honesty is the best policy. We should speak truth, but there are times, what times when our truthfulness is going to put another at great risk, cause them to suffer, cause them to be arrested, cause them perhaps be put to death. In those times, what should we do? We should not divulge information, let them get it another way, but not from you. This is why David notice what the scripture says concerning him. He would go out into other places. Why he would do so, going to, as he said, he would go to the south of Judah, or the south of the places of the Yerchi Mele or the south of Canaan, all of these places he would go, and what would he do? He would put to death who the enemy. Why, that's what a man of God is called to do, to destroy the enemy. Why the Philistines were constantly plaguing the children of Israel, and therefore it was righteous for David to go to war against them. And David is under no obligation. Who should have checked out instead of just just believed it without verifying Achish, the king of God, but he didn't. David fooled him, and I would suggest strongly to you the fact that David did this, and God blessed David, and God used this for the benefit of the people of God shows us something very important, and what is that? That God was placing his stamp of approval on this. David never got found out. David never had anyone shared anything different with the King of God, Achish, and all of that is to tell us and show us and illustrate that God was in it. God does not want you to be a person that causes others to suffer. We're called to do the right thing again the vast majority of the time. What is the right thing to speak truth? But there are some unique circumstances where if speaking the truth is going to put another at great risk, at harm's way. Therefore, we don't want to participate in that. We want to be people that defend others, that are a blessing to others, that we're willing to lay down our life in order that another person would not suffer. This is what a true believer is called to do. So, when we look at a situation, what should we do? Well, I'm sure that David prayed diligently for guidance. David was on the run. Think of this.

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He was presenting himself before the enemy. They would have loved to kill David. David was this great warrior. David had defeated the leader of the army of the Philistines, and of course I'm talking about Goliath. We studied that many, many weeks ago. Realized they would have loved to do so. So, you don't think David putting himself in this vulnerable position? I'm sure that he prayed and prayed diligently. I'm sure that some of the psalms that he wrote had to do with what he was going through and feeling at this time, but David did something, and this is a wonderful example for us. David trusted in the Lord. David took all of his concerns, all of his worries, all of his fears, and he brought them before God. The wise thing. To do, and David never spoke, never provided any information that put others at a risk, but rather David and his men, they went forth and always had something to do, and what was that? To wage war against the enemies, that's what a child of God, does that's what a follower of Messiah does. We take up our cross, we follow Him, and we are willing to wage war, spiritual war with the enemy. David did that in a very literal way, and we should learn from his example. So, in the scripture we see something. We see that David humbled himself. He knew that the leader of Israel, Shaul, the king, wanted to put him to death. David humbled himself. He went to the enemy, and he found grace in that enemy's sight, that's what the scripture tells us, and therefore we see how over and over God preserved David, that God was a defender of David, that He was David's defense, and this is not unique when we are committed to the purposes of God, when we are individuals that place God's priorities above ours, God's will before what we desire. When we are committed to those things, be assured God is not going to leave us nor forsake us. God is going to move in our circumstances. God is going to provide victory for us. We may have to wait, we may have to endure, we may have to persevere, but God will indeed bring us into His will, and it's in the will of God that we find victory, not in my will, but rather only, and hear that carefully, only in the will of God. So one of the things that you and I should do is to pray diligently for guidance, for discernment, for a heavenly perspective, that we might see things from God's vantage point, so that we can make decisions that are honoring Him, glorifying Him, and in light of His will. When we are committed to the will of God, you can be assured that God is going to move in your circumstances. He is going to bless you, and He will give you insight in order that you speak the things that you should speak and not speak the things you ought not. Our God is a blessed God that moves in the lives of His people. Until next week, shalom.

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