

HOPE IN DAVID'S BATTLE.

"WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS CRY FOR HELP, THE LORD HEARS AND DELIVERS THEM OUT OF ALL THEIR TROUBLES. THE LORD IS NEAR TO THE BROKENHEARTED AND CRUSHED IN SPIRIT."

PSALM 34:17-18

THE RELATIONSHIP TURNS UGLY

David anointed	Saul <u>LOVES</u>	David defeats	Saul <u>HATES</u>	Saul tries to <u>KILL</u>	David <u>FLEES</u>
<u>KING</u>	David	GOLIATH	David	David	from Saul
1 Samuel 16	1 Samuel 16	1 Samuel 17	1 Samuel 18-20	1 Samuel 18-20	1 Samuel 20-31

DAVID'S DESPRATE FLEE: 1 SAMUEL 21:10-15

David gets Goliath's	David <u>FLEES</u> to	David <u>FEARS</u> the King	David <u>ACTS</u>	David <u>ESCAPES</u>
<u>SWORD</u>	<u>GATH</u>		<u>INSANE</u>	Achish the King

DAVID'S OPPOSITION

David is in the MIDDLE of a CONSTANT attack for HIS LIFE.

DAVID'S DESPERATE PLEA: PSALM 56

- The ENEMY attacks are REAL and RELENTLESS.
- David ACKNOWLEDGES his FEAR.
- David <u>RESPONDS</u> by having a <u>CONFIDENT EXPECTATION</u> in God.
- David's <u>CONFIDENT EXPECTATION</u> is based on the <u>RELIABILITY</u> of His <u>WORD</u>.
 - o In other words: God's WORD > Our FEAR (Romans 8:31, 37-39)

DAVID'S DESPERATE PLEA ANSWERED: PSALM 34

- God PROTECTS David from another ATTACK on HIS LIFE
- David RESPONDS with a SONG of PRAISE

OUR OPPOSITION

We are in the MIDDLE of a CONSTANT attack on OUR LIFE.

OUR BATTLE

- The truth about our BATTLE:
 - 1. The battle is <u>REAL</u>
 - 2. The battle is WICKED
- The response to our BATTLE:
 - 1. Don't be SURPRISED
 - 2. Don't be CONTROLLED by FEAR
- The hope of our BATTLE:
 - 1. We can have a CONFIDENT EXPECTATION
 - 2. We know the WINNER and His WORD is TRUE

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- 1. How were you challenged or encouraged by our study tonight?
- 2. How do you make your life more about you than God working in you?
- 3. How would you respond to Saul if you were in David's shoes? What does that tell you about the way you respond to people in your life today?
- 4. Discuss the hope of knowing that David was a man just like us and every other character in the Bible apart from Jesus.
- 5. What can we learn and take away from our study tonight?