

When God Puts You on Hold

Introduction

[1 Samuel 22:4](#) “4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold.”

Defining a Holding Season:

- I am not where I want to be
- I am not where I am going to be
- But I am right where God wants me to be

MY GOAL: I want to answer two questions today

- WHY God uses holding seasons
- WHAT to do in a holding season

WHY God Uses Holding Seasons

- **Build Better**
- **PREPARE PLACES**
- **GREATER Glory**

WHAT to do in a Holding Season

- [1 Samuel 22:3](#) “3 And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, **till I know what God will do for me.**”
- [Psalm 56:9](#) “9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: This I know; **for God is for me.**”

1. The Preparation-

- [Exodus 14:11](#) “11 And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?”
- [Exodus 14:13](#) “13 And Moses said unto the people, **Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord,** which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.”
- [Exodus 14:14](#) “14 **The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.**”
- [Exodus 14:15–16](#) “15 And the Lord said unto Moses, **Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: 16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground** through the midst of the sea.”

2. The Patience-

- **Contact You**

- [1 Samuel 22:4](#) “4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that **David was in the hold.**”
- [1 Samuel 22:5](#) “5 **And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold;** depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the
- **Comfort You**
 - [1 Samuel 22:1–2](#) “1 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father’s house heard it, they went down thither to him. 2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.”
- **Correct You**
 - [Psalm 34.](#)

3. The Partnership

- [1 Samuel 22:20–21](#) “20 And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. 21 And Abiathar shewed David that Saul had slain the Lord’s priests.”

The 5 Partners We Need While On Hold

1. Prayer Partners-

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2. Burden Bearers-

- a. [1 Samuel 22:1](#) “1 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father’s house **heard it,** they went down thither to him.”

3. Faithful Followers-

- a. [1 Samuel 22:2](#) “2 **And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him;** and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.”
- b. [1 Corinthians 11:1](#) “1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.”

4. LOVING LEADER-

- a. [1 Samuel 22:2](#) “2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and **he became a captain over them:** and there were with him about four hundred men.”

5. GOOD GOD