

1 Samuel 29

Jesus

- Saul w/Witch
- David w/Philistines

David is expected to go to battle w/the Philistines against Israel
Oh what a tangled web we weave when not led by the Spirit of God

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And **lean not on your own understanding**; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

When we listen to our feelings instead of Jesus
Things become much more complicated...

I. David Rejected

1 Then the **Philistines gathered** together all their armies at **Aphek**, and the **Israelites** encamped by a fountain which is in **Jezreel**. 2 And the Lord's of the Philistines passed in review by hundreds and by thousands, but **David and his men passed in review** at the rear with **Achish**. 3 Then the princes of the Philistines said, "**What are these Hebrews doing here?**" And Achish said to the princes of the Philistines, "Is this not David, the servant of Saul king of Israel, who has been with me these days, or these years? And to this day **I have found no fault in him since he defected to me.**" 4 But the princes of the Philistines were angry with him; so the princes of the Philistines said to him, "**Make this fellow return**, that he may go back to the place which you have appointed for him, and do not let him go down with us to battle, lest in the battle **he become our adversary**. For with what could he reconcile himself to his master, if not with the heads of these men? 5 Is this not David, of whom they sang to one another in dances, saying: 'Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands'?"

Four other Philistine Kings rebuke Achish
Send David back to Ziklag or he'll turn on us in battle

6 Then Achish called David and said to him, "Surely, as the LORD lives, you have **been upright**, and your going out and your coming in with me in the army is good in my sight. For to this day **I have not found evil in you** since the day of your coming to me. Nevertheless the Lord's do not favor you. 7 Therefore return now, and go in peace, that you may not displease the Lords of the Philistines."

Perfect time to skate
David must follow through w/the deception...

8 So David said to Achish, "**But what have I done?** And to this day what have you found in your servant as long as I have been with you, that I may

not go and fight against the enemies of my LORD the king?" 9 Then Achish answered and said to David, "I know that you are **as good in my sight as an angel of God.**

- David had a good influence on Achish

2 Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and **through us diffuses the fragrance** of His knowledge in every place. 15 For we are to God the **fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved** and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.

- You are as good as an angel of God...

9b ...Nevertheless [David breathes] the princes of the Philistines have said, '**He shall not go** up with us to the battle.' 10 Now therefore, rise early in the morning with your master's servants who have come with you. And as soon as you are up early in the morning and have light, depart." 11 So David and his men rose early to depart in the morning, to return to the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

The Lords of the Philistines remember the song
Saul killed his thousands/David killed his ten thousands 3X

1 Samuel 18:6 [After Goliath] ... the women had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with musical instruments. 7 So the women sang as they danced, and said: "Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands." 8 Then Saul was very angry...

- **God used this Song 3x in David's life:**

1. Provoked Saul to hunt David
2. Exposed David his first time to Gath
3. Provided David a way of escape

This song began a chain of events
Culminating in David becoming King

Romans 8:28we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Living as if the end justifies the means is the opposite of being led by the Spirit
David is playing a dangerous game. Achish is duped but God is not

1 Samuel 30

Jesus

- David on his way back to Ziklag of Philistines
- Wives and children waiting for him/men

The Piper has to this point been accepting installment payments

A balloon payment is now due...

I. David Dejected

1 Now it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag, on the **third day**, that the Amalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and **burned it with fire**, 2 and had taken captive the women and those who were there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried them away and went their way.

David Returns on the **Third Day**
Amalekites have taken everyone...Why are there any Amalekites?

1 Samuel 27:8 [Previously] David and his men went up and raided the... **Amalekites**.

The Amalekites burn Davids home
Kidnap every man's wife and children

3 So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive.

Harsh Realization: I have let down those who trusted in me
I caused so much pain by selfish choices... My heart deceived me

4 Then David and the people who were with him **lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep**. 5 And David's two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and **Abigail** the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive.

Wept until they could not...**David looks around**
Abigail gone because of David...Wives/children of faithful men gone

6 Now David was **greatly distressed**, for the people spoke of **stoning him**, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters.

David is dejected/distressed/depressed/disillusioned
Souls are grieved...Grief of a parent w/a missing child

When everything is falling apart we may consider getting stoned

- **Get stoned:** Seek relief apart from God. No
- **Become like stone:** Hard-hearted. Blame God and others. No
- **Hide under a stone:** Not deal w/problem... Wallow into self-pity. No
- **Run from The Stone:** As David did the first time...or
- **Run to The Stone.** Rock of our Salvation

II. David Restored Bring me the Ephod

- David was distressed
- Souls were grieved
- Stones are being gathered...

6b ...But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

Q. What makes a man after God's own heart?

A. Obeying God even when you feel dead

Romans 8:11 [Since] the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies** through His Spirit who dwells in you.

When all seems lost one thing remains...

7 Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, "Please **bring the ephod** here to me."

Bring me the ephod!

Proverbs 24:16 For a righteous *man* may **fall seven times And rise again...**

Psalms 50:15 Call upon Me in the **day of trouble**; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

7b ...And Abiathar brought the ephod to David. **8** So David **inquired of the LORD**, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And the LORD answered David, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all."

Psalms 91:15 [God's man/woman] He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. [If he has been perfect?]

David stopped talking to himself...David began talking to the LORD
Not only will you overtake them but you will recover all

9 So David went, **he and the six hundred men** who were with him, and came to the Brook Besor, where those stayed who were left behind. **10** But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so weary that they could not cross the Brook Besor.

Why did they not abandon David?
They heard him call for the ephod...Saw him seeking the Word

Joshua 1:16 So they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you command us **we will do**, and wherever you send us **we will go**. **17** Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. **Only the Lord your God be with you**, as He was with Moses. **18** Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. **Only be strong and of good courage.**"

1 Corinthians 11:1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.

- Why didn't they abandon David?
 1. He sought the Lord
 2. He was a man of mercy and they saw it...

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

200 men stay w/supplies
David and 400 others pursue the Amalekites

11 Then they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David; and they gave him bread and he ate, and they let him drink water. 12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. So when he had eaten, his strength came back to him; for he had eaten no bread nor drunk water for three days and three nights. 13 Then David said to him, "To whom do you belong, and where are you from?" And he said, "**I am a young man from Egypt, servant of an Amalekite**; and my master left me behind, because three days ago I fell sick. 14 We made an invasion of the southern area of the Cherethites, in the territory which belongs to Judah, and of the southern area of Caleb; and **we burned Ziklag with fire.**"

Confession: We burned Ziklag with fire

15 And David said to him, "Can you take me down to this troop?" So he said, "**Swear to me** by God that you will neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will take you down to this troop."

Swear to me?
Servants are in no position to make deals

16 And when he had brought him down, there they were, spread out over all the land, eating and drinking and dancing, because of all the great spoil which they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah. 17 Then David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. 18 So David **recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away**, and David rescued his two wives. 19 And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; **David recovered all**. 20 Then David took all the flocks and herds they had driven before those other livestock, and said, "This is David's spoil."

David said: This is David's Spoil
Beginning to sound like a king

21 Now **David came** to the two hundred men who had been so weary that they could not follow David, whom they also had made to stay at the Brook Besor. So **they went out to meet David** and to meet the people who were with him. And when **David came near** the people, he greeted them.

- They came out/David came near

David was Kind/Approachable...A man after God's own heart
He came to the weary...The weary came him

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will **find rest for your souls**.

John 6:35 ... "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst... 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and **the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out**.

Luke 15:20 [The prodigal] **arose and came** to his father. But when he was still a great way off, **his father saw him** and had compassion, **and ran** and fell on his neck and kissed him.

David met those who watched the supplies...

22 Then all the wicked and worthless men of those who went with David answered and said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except for every man's wife and children, that they may lead them away and depart." 23 But David said, "My brethren, you shall not do so with what **the LORD has given us**, who has **preserved us** and **delivered** into our hand the troop that came against us.

Don't take the glory from the LORD

- God gave us the victory
- God preserved our lives
- God delivered the enemy to us
- God kept our families safe

David makes a pre-Kingly proclamation...

24 For who will heed you in this matter? But as his part is who goes down to the battle, so shall his part be who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike." 25 So it was, from that day forward; he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.

New Law: Those who watch supplies share in the spoil of victory
David a typology of Jesus who sympathizes w/our weakness

Hebrews 4:15 For we have a High Priest who sympathizes with our weaknesses...

David treats others as God treated him
Loving his neighbor as he would want to be loved

26 Now when David came to Ziklag, **he sent some of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his friends**, saying, "Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD"— 27 to those who were in Bethel, those who were in Ramoth of the South, those who were in Jattir, 28 those who were in Aroer, those who were in Siphmoth, those who were in Eshtemoa, 29 those who were in Rachal, those who were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, those who were in the cities of the Kenites, 30 those who were in Hormah, those who were in Chorashan, those who were in Athach, 31 those who were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were accustomed to rove.

David gave gifts to those who would later serve him
BTW David's Army was built-up during his time in Gath

1 Chronicles 12:22 [In Ziklag] ...[Others] came to David day by day to help him, **until it was a great army, like the army of God.**

- v1: They arrived back in Ziklag on the 3rd Day

That day things began as miserable as they could be...then God showed up

That third day following utter personal failure seemed hopeless for David. But because of God's grace David received what he didn't deserve

Three days after his cruel master left him for dead, the Egyptian slave was also w/out hope until David reciprocated the grace God showed him to another who didn't deserve it.

We too were w/out hope/dead in sin. **But God** sent His Son to die in our place and rise again on the **Third Day** that we could also receive that which we don't deserve...

New Life in Jesus Christ. New Mercy every day.

Who was David?
An utter failure? A mighty man of God? Who are you?

Psalms 103:14 [David] For **He knows our frame**; He remembers that **we are dust.**

1 Corinthians 3:3 [Why are you still] ...**behaving like mere men?**

Everything changed instantly when David stopped listening to his feelings
And started listening to His God...Bring me the Ephod!

Psalms 18:28 For You will light my lamp; The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. 29 For by You I can run against a troop, **By my God I can leap over a wall.** 30 As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.