

David- Life Lessons

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"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, **whenever you** face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." (James 1:3)

- He made bad choices and it led to _____ and compromises.

1. David started listening to _____.

I Samuel 27:1 "But David thought to himself..."

2. David became very _____ in the way he thought.

"...One of these days I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul..." (I Samuel 27:1)

"But David thought to himself, "One of these days I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul. The

best thing I can do is to escape to the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will give up searching for me anywhere in Israel, and I will slip out of his hand." (I Samuel 27:1)

"So David and the six hundred men with him left and went over to Achish son of Maok king of Gath. David and his men settled in Gath with Achish. Each man had his family with him, and David had his two wives: Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail of Carmel, the widow of Nabal." (I Samuel 27:2-3)

"When Saul was told that David had fled to Gath, he no longer searched for him." (I Samuel 27:4)

A. A consequence of David's decision was that it created a _____ sense of ease and security.

"Then David said to Achish, "If I have found favor in your eyes, let a place be assigned to me in one of the country towns, that I may live there. Why should your servant live in the royal city with you?" (I Samuel 27:5)

B. A second consequence is a _____ to the enemy's cause.

"So on that day Achish gave him Ziklag, and it has belonged to the kings of Judah ever since. David lived in Philistine territory a year and four months." (I Samuel 27:6-7)

C. So now we have quite an extended time of _____.

"These are the last words of David: "The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse, the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High, the man anointed by the God of Jacob, the hero of Israel's songs:" (II Samuel 23:1)

"The commanders of the Philistines asked, "What about these Hebrews?" Achish replied, "Is this not David, who was an officer of Saul king of Israel? He has already been with me for over a year, and from the day he left Saul until now, I have found no fault in him." (I Samuel 29:3)

*"Now David and his men went up and raided the Geshurites, the Girzites and the Amalekites. (From ancient times these peoples had lived in the land extending to Shur and Egypt.) Whenever David attacked an area, he did not leave a man or woman alive, but took sheep and cattle, donkeys and camels, and clothes. Then he returned to Achish."
(I Samuel 27:8-9)*

"When Achish asked, "Where did you go raiding today?" David would say, "Against the Negev of Judah" or "Against the Negev of Jerahmeel" or "Against the Negev of the Kenites." (I Samuel 27:10)

*"He did not leave a man or woman alive to be brought to Gath, for he thought, "They might inform on us and say, 'This is what David did.'" And such was his practice as long as he lived in Philistine territory."
(I Samuel 27:11)*

"Achish trusted David and said to himself, "He has become so obnoxious to his people, the Israelites, that he will be my servant for life." (I Samuel 27:12)

"So Achish called David and said to him, "As surely as the Lord lives, you have been reliable, and I would be pleased to have you serve with me in the army. From the day you came to me until today, I have found no fault in you, but the rulers don't approve of you. Now turn back and go in peace; do nothing to displease the Philistine rulers." "But what have I done?" asked David. "What have you found against your servant from the day I came to you until now? Why can't I go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?" (I Samuel 29:6-8)

"David and his men reached Ziklag on the third day. Now the Amalekites had raided the Negev and Ziklag. They had attacked Ziklag and burned it, and had taken captive the women and everyone else in it, both young and old. They killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way. When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. So David and his men wept aloud until they had no

*strength left to weep. David's two wives had been captured—Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel."
(I Samuel 30:1-5)*

"David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters." (I Samuel 30:6)

"But David found strength in the Lord his God." (I Samuel 30:6)

Lessons We Learn:

1. Dark days call for right thinking and a _____ focus.
2. All of our downtimes can bring us to our knees so we will _____ not elsewhere.
3. We may have taken the wrong fork in the road, but it's _____ to get back on track.
4. Remember our Heavenly Father is waiting for us to restrengthen ourselves in the Lord.