

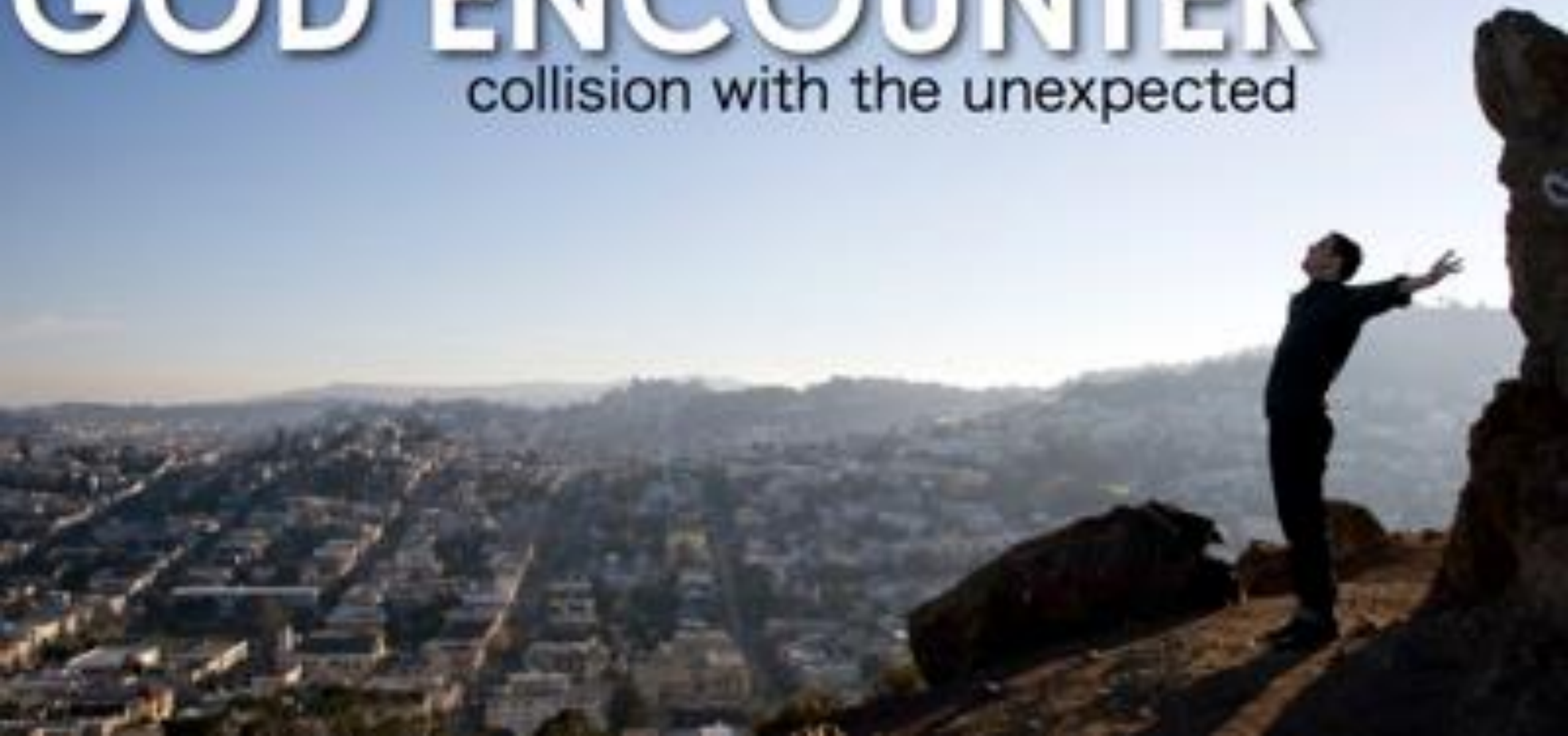
“ENCOUNTERING GOD”

1 SAMUEL 21-23 (PS. 142)

Ps Alan Tay | 19.10.19

GOD ENCOUNTER

collision with the unexpected



A woman with short brown hair, wearing a white tank top and dark shorts, is sitting on a rocky ledge. She is looking out over a vast, hazy valley at sunset. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. The valley below is green and hazy, with distant mountains visible. A blue bag is on the ground next to her.

“God, where are you?” “Are you there?” “God, don’t you care?”

GOD WHO MEETS US

- **Self-Revealing**
- **Everywhere**
- **Loving**

TRANSCENDENCE

“His glory covers the face of the earth.”

Habbakuk 2.14

IMMANENCE

“He is near to those who call upon Him.”

Psalms 145.18

“Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord,
and not a God far away?

Can a man hide himself in secret places
so that I cannot see him?

declares the Lord.

Do I not fill heaven and earth?

declares the Lord.”

Jeremiah 23.23-24

INCARNATION:

Jesus is God made flesh.

(Transcendence & Immanence)

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1.14 (ESV)



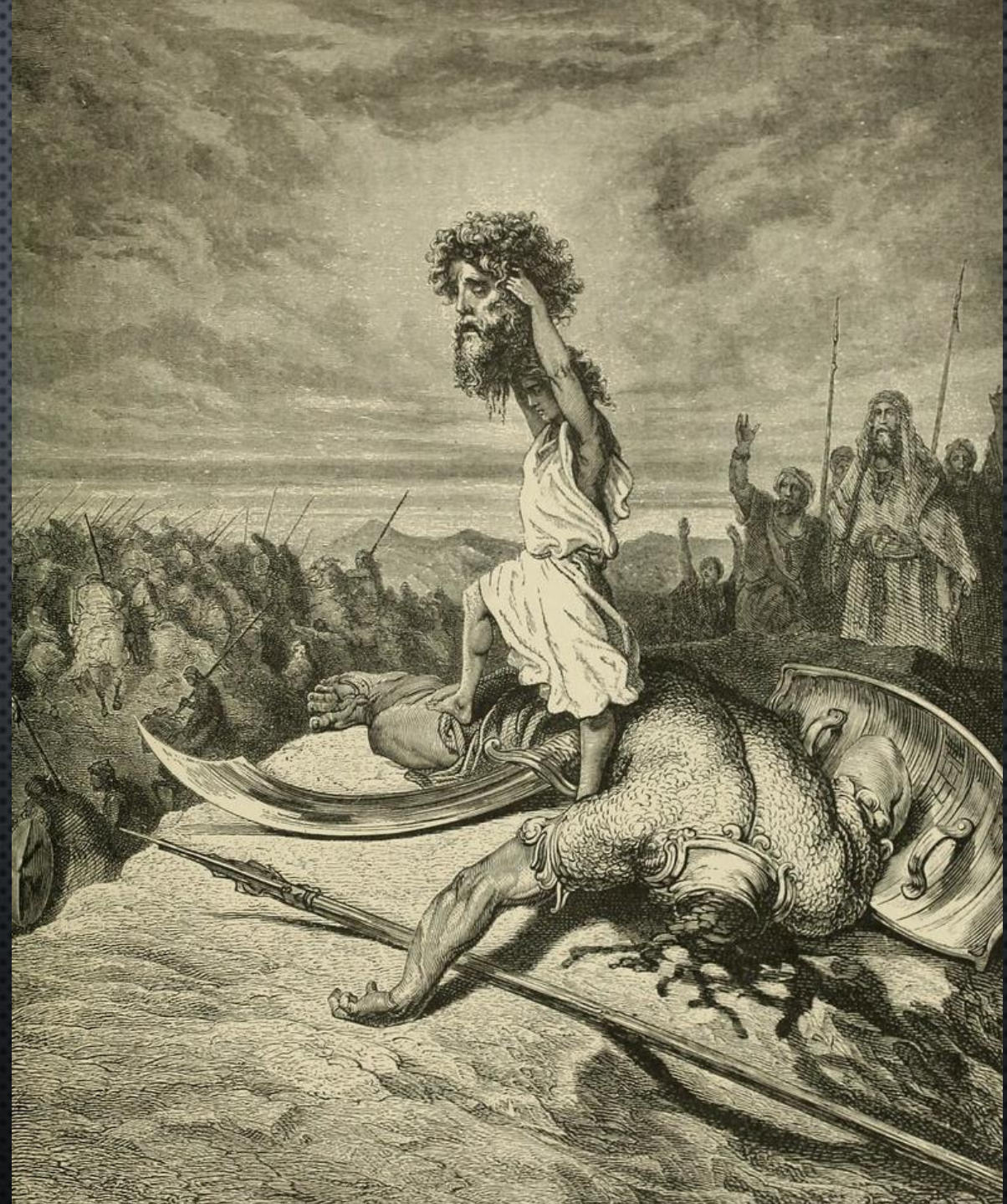


God Simply Wants To Meet Up With You!

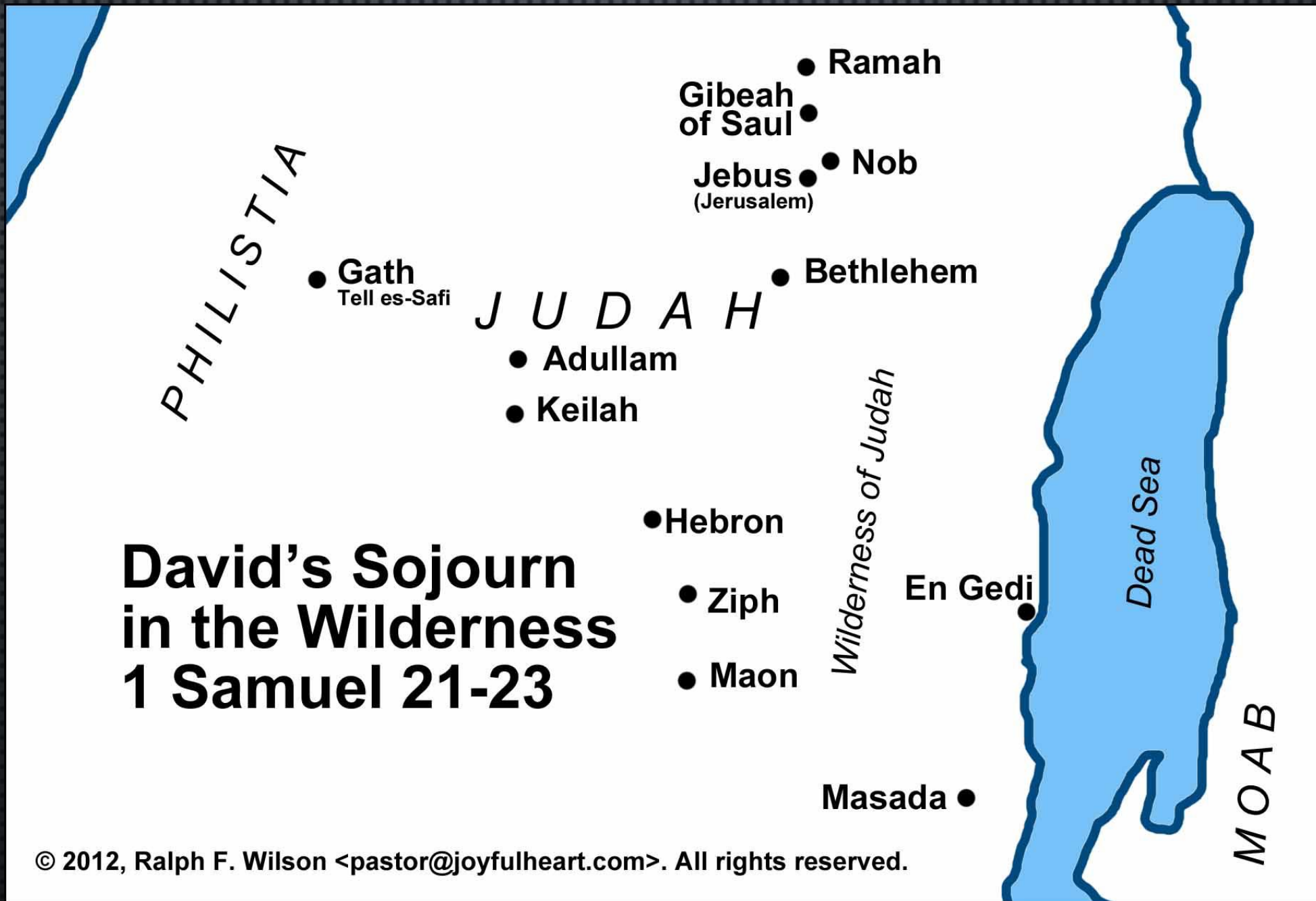
DAVID'S STORY

Shepherd Boy
Giant Slayer
Buddy to Crown Prince
King's Son-In-Law

THE FUGITIVE



David's Sojourn in the Wilderness 1 Samuel 21-23



GOD IS SOVEREIGN & IS ALSO NEAR US.

- 21.1 Nob Tabernacle of the Lord is.# @ Priest Ahimelech
- 21.10 Gath “Philistines” faked madness
- 22.1 Cave of **Adullam** @ his family & 400 men joined in.
- 22.3 **Mizpeh** (Moab) @ Prophet Gad “Go to Judah”.
- 22.5 Forest of **Hereth** @ Priest Ahimelech
- 23.6 City of **Keilah** #
- 23.14 Stronghold wilderness of **Ziph** #
@ Jonathon “Strengthened his hand in God”
- 23.24 Wilderness of **Maon**
- 23.28 Stronghold of **Engedi** “Rock of Escape”
@ God intervened “Philistines attack”

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GEOGRAPHY of FIRST and SECOND SAMUEL



**Despite the “cave like” condition,
God breaks in to encounter us!**

Psalm 142 (ESV)

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with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.

² I pour out my complaint before him;
I tell my trouble before him.

³ **When my spirit faints within me,
You know my way!**

In the path where I walk
they have hidden a trap for me.

⁴ Look to the right and see:
there is none who takes notice of me;
no refuge remains to me;
no one cares for my soul.

⁵ **I cry to you, O Lord;
I say, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living."**

⁶ Attend to my cry,
for I am brought very low!

Deliver me from my persecutors,
for they are too strong for me!

⁷ Bring me out of prison,
that I may give thanks to your name!

**The righteous will surround me,
for you will deal bountifully with me.**

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Spurgeon: because of the good lessons he had himself learned in the cave, learned on his knees, and so learned that he desired to teach others.”



BY FAITH NOT SIGHT

BY RUTH A. MORGAN

SOMETIMES I'M SAD, I KNOW NOT WHY
MY HEART IS SORE DEPRESSED;
IT SEEMS THE BURDENS OF THIS WORLD
HAVE SETTLED ON MY HEART
AND YET I KNOW... I KNOW GOD
WHO DOETH ALL THINGS RIGHT
WILL LEAD ME THUS TO UNDERSTAND
TO WALK BY FAITH... NOT SIGHT.



Source: <http://theoaksatsacredrocks.com/>

BY FAITH NOT SIGHT

BY RUTH A. MORGAN

AND THOUGH I MAY NOT SEE THE WAY
HE'S PLANNED FOR ME TO GO
THE WAY SEEMS DARK TO ME JUST NOW
BUT OH, I'M SURE HE KNOWS!
TODAY HE GUIDES MY FEEBLE STEP
TOMORROW'S IN HIS RIGHT.
HE HAS ASKED ME TO NEVER FEAR
BUT WALK BY FAITH... NOT SIGHT.



Source: <https://www.banfflakelouise.com/climbing>

BY FAITH NOT SIGHT

BY RUTH A. MORGAN

SOME DAY THE MISTS WILL ROLL AWAY,
THE SUN WILL SHINE AGAIN.
I'LL SEE THE BEAUTY IN THE FLOWERS,
I'LL HEAR THE BIRD'S REFRAIN,
AND THEN I'LL KNOW MY FATHER'S HAND
HAS LED THE WAY TO LIGHT
BECAUSE I PLACED MY HAND IN HIS
AND WALK BY FAITH... NOT SIGHT.



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