

# **Lessons From The Life of David**

## **Part 6 - “God Still Uses Messed Up People”**

### **Background -**

- David kills Goliath**
- Jonathan and David became friends**
- The people celebrate David’s victory**
- Saul hates David**
- Saul tries to kill David**
- David takes Michal as a wife**
- David continues to experience victory over the armies of the Philistines**
- Saul orders Jonathan to kill David**
- Jonathan tells David that Saul wants him dead**
- Jonathan talks to Saul and Saul promises to not kill David**
- Saul tries to kill David**
- David gets away**
- Michal helps David escape**
- Saul tries to kill Jonathan**

**Let’s look at David and Saul for a moment:**

**David has a resume full of immortality. Yes, that David. The one after God’s own heart.**

**Everybody talks about how bad Saul was.**

**Saul doesn't have problems with his wife or his kids.**

**Jonathan loved David, but he didn't betray his father. He actually died next to his father.**

**Saul is talked about. David is celebrated.**

**Acts tells us that Saul disobeyed God, but David was a man after God's own heart.**

**Saul was rebuked for his disobedience and all he cared about was his kingdom.**

**But, David, when he found out he had gone against the Father he didn't care about all of that natural stuff, but don't take your spirit away from me.**

### **1 Samuel 22:1-5**

**Do you ever feel like you can't finish one battle before another one comes your way?**

**The devil never challenges losers.**

**"For the just engage in many struggles. Does an athlete contend only once? How often, after he has won many victor's crowns, is he overcome in another contest!" - 2 Timothy 2:5**

**Nobody challenges a loser.**

**These were not the kind of people he was expecting to be surrounded by as the anointed king of Israel.**

**How in the world had fortune turned this quickly?**

**He thought he was heading for the throne, but he was hiding in a cave instead.**

**But David had to go through the cave to get to the palace.**

**He learned three things in the cave:**

- How to pray.**
- How to praise.**
- How to persevere.**

**In other words, he learned to encourage himself. On the surface, he had nothing to praise God about while hiding in the cave.**

**So he looked on the inside and realized that if he really wanted to, he could always find something to praise God for.**

**He started to praise God not for what he could see but for who his God was.**

**“I will praise you, LORD, among the nations;  
I will sing of you among the peoples.  
For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.” - Ps. 57:9–10**

**“I cry to you, LORD;  
I say, “You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living.” - Ps. 142:5**

**The same will work for us: deciding that we will allow God to be God is absolutely liberating.**

**Don't praise Him for what you can see; praise Him that He's simply God, and that even in the cave He has a plan.**

**As a matter of fact, the cave is often where He's preparing us to be stronger for the palace later.**

**Don't look at the thing you had to come through as a liability to your destiny, but a necessity to your purpose.**

**Adullam - the people's justice.**

**Some of you have disqualified yourself because of your lack of qualifications.**

**Someone who is qualified, but can't keep fighting will not last.**

**Don't count yourself out just because you don't fit in and things in your life haven't added up.**

**David - the beloved.**

**David drew these people to him.**

**Less than average.**

**God can do more with people who take off their masks and embrace their misfit status than people who hide behind safety.**

**Broken people - Brokenness is the greatest gift we can give God.**

**It's a gift that God can work with; it's a gift that moves His heart.**

**1. Family**

**2. Distress - considered a disability. stressed or in anguish.**

**3. Debt - owing more than one has the ability to pay. This is not your car note. This is your sin debt.**

**4. Discontented - breathless at the place of appetite, passion or life. Bitter.**

**Your past, Your friends, Your debt, Your bitterness, Your disability tells you are not worthy and you believe it.**

**You need to show your past the door.**

**When you got saved, there should have been a funeral.**

**Holy Spirit will tell you after you get saved that the foolishness you're doing ain't right.**

**You just keep ignoring the voice of God.**

**You'll look to the culture for advise. They'll help you get to hell. They will confirm for you that you can do whatever feels good.**

**Try it before you buy it.**

**You can help that's the way God made you.**

**The problem is is that Holy Spirit will help you know.**

**He's trying to get you out and your comfortable staying in.**

**You're trying to do a new thing, while playing with the old thing.**

**You can't be a captain while your still a captive.**

**It is not the Blood plus anything.**

**Jesus because of His brokenness at Calvary can understand our brokenness.**

**Rock bottom is not where you go to die, but where you go to be recreated.**

**Jesus very seldom spoke to needs, but He always spoke to potential.**

**The people who have it all figured out will never go very far with you.**

**These men knew David had invested in them.**

**2 Sam. 23:8-12**

**They overcame the limits of their circumstances and became triumphant and honored men in the service of King David**

**Be drawn to be people that pour into your destiny not your history.**

**The church was never created to entertain you, but to equip you.**

**The reason that many believer move on from church is because they are waiting to be entertain and not interested in being equipped.**

**2 Samuel 22:1-3**

**Had it not been the strongholds in your life you wouldn't know the goodness of the Lord.**

**The devil has defeated many by creating a stronghold, but he already knows if you overcome that stronghold you will be a force to be reckoned with for the kingdom.**