

THE DAVID TRILOGY PART 3: THE CAPTAIN AND HIS CREW

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David became their “Captain.” As soon as these men took their places as followers, he immediately assumed the right to lead them.

As their captain, David’s followers looked to him for 3 things: training, protection, and reward.

For Training: They witnessed David’s willingness to wait on the Lord. They witnessed David’s willingness to extend mercy.

For Protection: 1 Samuel 22:23 - The moment they became part of David’s crew, they became Saul’s enemy. If David was persecuted, then they would be persecuted.

For Reward: Revelation 22:12 - For those who chose to suffer with David would one day share his exaltation and the kingdom with him. The same is true for those who suffer with Jesus.

Life Application

- **What was your state of mind when you came to Christ?**
- **Do you give King Jesus the right to be your captain over every area of your life?**
- **When you encounter trials do you respond as an overwhelming conqueror?**

Romans 8:37 - But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

The Greek word for “overwhelmingly conquer” is hupernikao.

In English, this compound word reads “hyper-nike”

Through our relationship with Jesus who loves us, we don’t just conquer, we exceedingly, abundantly, overwhelming conquer through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6-8 - Trials prove the genuineness of our faith.

We will experience trials in this life. Jesus said we would.

1 Samuel 22:1 - David faced many trials on his journey to become king of Israel. He was so pressed in on all sides that he was forced into exile to live in a cave.

It is during this time of refining that David wrote Psalms 34, 57 and 142.

Even from our cave, we can still say to God: “Lord, You have dealt bountifully with me!”

1 Samuel 22:2 - Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him; and he became captain over them. Now there were about four hundred men with him.

Distressed. In Debt. Discontented. These are the people who come to Christ. And they are the *only* people that come to Him.

Luke 8: 43-48 - What does it look like to live **under distress**?

What were the motives of the men that came to David? What did they believe about him?

Matthew 18:23-27 - What does it look like to live **under debt**?

The glory of these 400 men is that they came to David when he lived rejected in a cave.

John 4:1-26 - What does it look like to live **discontented**?

Hebrews 13:12 - When Jesus suffered at the cross, the Bible says He did so outside the gates of Jerusalem - rejected and despised by men.