

# David the Great

1 Samuel 19-23

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## Part 1: David on the Run:

- Saul's assassination attempts on David's life.

### 1 Samuel 19:1a (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> Saul now urged his servants and his son Jonathan to assassinate David.

## Part 1: David on the Run:

- Saul tried to kill David with his spear.

### 1 Samuel 19:9-10 (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> But one day when Saul was sitting at home, with spear in hand, the tormenting spirit<sup>[a]</sup> from the LORD suddenly came upon him again. As David played his harp, <sup>10</sup> Saul hurled his spear at David. But David dodged out of the way, and leaving the spear stuck in the wall, he fled and escaped into the night.

## Part 1: David on the Run:

- Saul had watchman at his home.

### 1 Samuel 19:11 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> Then Saul sent troops to watch David's house. They were told to kill David when he came out the next morning.

## Part 1: David on the Run:

- Saul sent troops to capture David.

### 1 Samuel 19:19-20a (NLT)

<sup>19</sup> When the report reached Saul that David was at Naioth in Ramah, <sup>20</sup> he sent troops to capture him.

## Part 1: David on the Run:

- Saul tried to manipulate Jonathan into killing David.

### 1 Samuel 20:31-33 (NLT)

<sup>31</sup> As long as that son of Jesse is alive, you'll never be king. Now go and get him so I can kill him!"

<sup>32</sup> "But why should he be put to death?" Jonathan asked his father. "What has he done?" <sup>33</sup> Then Saul hurled his spear at Jonathan, intending to kill him. So at last Jonathan realized that his father was really determined to kill David.

## Part 1: David on the Run:

- Saul sent the entire army to capture David.

### 1 Samuel 23:7-8 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup> Saul soon learned that David was at Keilah. "Good!" he exclaimed. "We've got him now! God has handed him over to me, for he has trapped himself in a walled town!" <sup>8</sup> So Saul mobilized his entire army to march to Keilah and besiege David and his men.

## Part 1: David on the Run:

- Saul was relentless in his pursuit of David.

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## 1 Samuel 23:14-15 (NLT)

<sup>14</sup>David now stayed in the strongholds of the wilderness and in the hill country of Ziph. Saul hunted him day after day, but God didn't let Saul find him. <sup>15</sup>One day near Horesh, David received the news that Saul was on the way to Ziph to search for him and kill him.

## 1 Samuel 23:25 (NLT)

<sup>25</sup>When David heard that Saul and his men were searching for him, he went even farther into the wilderness to the great rock, and he remained there in the wilderness of Maon. But Saul kept after him in the wilderness.

### Part 2: David's Lifelines:

#### a. Friend

## 1 Samuel 23:16-18 (NLT)

<sup>16</sup>Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God. <sup>17</sup>"Don't be afraid," Jonathan reassured him. "My father will never find you! You are going to be the king of Israel, and I will be next to you, as my father, Saul, is well aware." <sup>18</sup>So the two of them renewed their solemn pact before the LORD. Then Jonathan returned home, while David stayed at Horesh.

### Part 2: David's Lifelines:

#### b. Family

## 1 Samuel 22:1(NLT)

<sup>1</sup>So David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. Soon his brothers and all his other relatives joined him there.

### Part 2: David's Lifelines:

#### c. Fraternity

## 1 Samuel 22:2 (NLT)

<sup>2</sup>Then others began coming—men who were in trouble or in debt or who were just discontented—until David was the captain of about 400 men.

### Part 2: David's Lifelines:

#### d. Faith

### Part 3: David's Prayers on the Run:

## Psalms 57 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy! I look to you for protection. I will hide beneath the shadow of your wings until the danger passes by. <sup>2</sup>I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfill his purpose for me. <sup>3</sup>He will send help from heaven to rescue me, disgracing those who hound me. *Interlude* My God will send forth his unfailing love and faithfulness. <sup>4</sup>I am surrounded by fierce lions who greedily devour human prey—whose teeth pierce like spears and arrows, and whose tongues cut like swords. <sup>5</sup>Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens! May your glory shine over all the earth. <sup>6</sup>My enemies have set a trap for me. I am weary from distress. They have dug a deep pit in my path, but they themselves have fallen into it. *Interlude* <sup>7</sup>My heart is confident in you, O God; my heart is confident. No wonder I can sing your praises! <sup>8</sup>Wake up, my heart! Wake up, O lyre and harp! I will wake the dawn with my song. <sup>9</sup>I will thank you, Lord, among all the

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people. I will sing your praises among the nations. <sup>10</sup>For your unfailing love is as high as the heavens.

Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. <sup>11</sup>Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens. May your glory shine over all the earth.

## Truths from Psalms 57:

**Section 1:** Davids cry for rescue.

**Section 2:** David's declaration.

- I am **confident** in you God.
- I will **sing** your praises.
- I will wake up in the morning **declaring your goodness**.
- I will declare **your greatness** among the people and nations
- Your **unfailing love and faithfulness** have no limits.
- **Be big God** and my all see your glory!

## Psalms 142 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup>I cry out to the LORD; I plead for the LORD's mercy. <sup>2</sup>I pour out my complaints before him and tell him all my troubles. <sup>3</sup>When I am overwhelmed, you alone know the way I should turn. Wherever I go, my enemies have set traps for me. <sup>4</sup>I look for someone to come and help me, but no one gives me a passing thought! No one will help me; no one cares a bit what happens to me. <sup>5</sup>Then I pray to you, O LORD. I say, "You are my place of refuge. You are all I really want in life. <sup>6</sup>Hear my cry, for I am very low. Rescue me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me. <sup>7</sup>Bring me out of prison so I can thank you. The godly will crowd around me, for you are good to me."

## Truths from Psalms 142:

### Matthew 7:7-8 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup>"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

## Davids declares...

- You're my place of **refuge**.
- You're what **I want/need**.
- **Rescue** me.
- **Bring me out**.
- I will **thank you**.