
A Study In 1 Samuel
"Running For Your Life"
1 Samuel 21-23

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Introduction: As we continue our journey through 1 Samuel, Saul is intensifying his efforts to kill David.

1. He is desperately trying to hang on to a kingdom where he is destined to be replaced.
2. By this time, he realizes David is that replacement. In his mind, David is public enemy number one.
3. Jonathan did everything he could to change his father's mind, and that almost cost him his life.
4. David is forced to run for his life.
5. Fear is a powerful emotion. When driven by fear, we can make regrettable choices.
6. This is understandable, but we should not let it become an excuse.
7. Fear does not alter our responsibility to do the next right thing.
8. This morning we'll see how David dealt with his fears, and hopefully learn some lessons.

I. Desperate Times/Desperate Choices

- A. Deception In Nob!
- B. Safety In Gath?
- C. On The Run
- D. Disaster

II. Back On Track

- A. A Philistine Attack
- B. Direction From God
- C. Divine Protection

Conclusion: Acting in fear can get us into trouble, and in trouble we learn valuable life lessons.

1. David felt responsible for Ahimelech and the priesthood.
2. It seems to be a turning point.
3. God has not given us the spirit of fear.
4. When we operate in the power, love, and soundness of mind He provides, we can overcome our fears and fulfill our purpose.