

David, Shepherd and King
#11 David Follows His Heart - 1 Samuel 27
(3/14/10 AM)

We see again that we are particularly vulnerable after victory. That is why the scripture says “let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall”, 1 Corinthians 10:12.

1. David Followed the Counsel of His Own Heart (1)

He Did Not Seek the Counsel of the Lord

The heart is the center of thinking and reason as well as emotions and will. Proverbs 28:26, “He who trusts in his own heart is a fool”. Because of our sin nature we cannot blindly follow the promptings of our own heart, Jeremiah 17:9.

• **David _____ the promises of God**

David took his eyes off of the promises of God and placed them on his circumstances. He became absorbed with self pity, “I” “me”, and in the process became self deceived. God was using the difficulties in his life to mold David into a man of God.

Remember that It Takes Both Faith and _____ to Realize the Promises of God

Hebrews 6:12, “...imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

• **David _____ of the providence of God**

This decision would not make things better but worse. Doubt unchecked leads to despair. Many of David’s Psalms indicate a growing sadness and depression. Many believe David wrote Psalm 10, 13, 17, 22, 25, 44 and 69 at this time. David was giving up hope.

Psalm 10:1, “Why do You hide in times of trouble?”

Psalm 13:1-2, “How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever?”

Psalm 22:1-2, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

Psalm 69:1-3, “Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing”

God was indeed working but David wasn’t seeing any immediate results.

Recognize That Faith Is Living Without _____

2. David Walked Out of the Will of God (2-3)

David Stepped Over the Line into Enemy Territory

• **He went to the wrong _____**

David willfully walked out of the covenant land of blessing. He did not seek the counsel of the Lord. What seemed rational to him at the time was completely irrational. The last time he went to Gath

(21:10-15) he barely escaped with his life. Nowhere in this chapter

does David pray. His physical location was evidence of his spiritual condition. David did not write one Psalm during his time in

Philistine territory.

We Forfeit the _____ of the Lord When We Step out of God’s Will

• **He went to be with the wrong _____**

David referred to this in his speech to Saul in (26:19). David led his men and their families into a pagan culture. One wonders what seeds of ungodliness were sown in the hearts of some of his people. 1 Corinthians 15:33, “Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company ruins good morals’.” (ESV)

We Lose Our Perspective When We _____ on Our Circumstances

3. David Was Deceived by His Own Decisions (4-7)

The Confirmation of Disobedience

David fell for one of Satan’s most subtle traps. We walk out of the

will of God and things immediately appear to be getting better.

- _____ **stopped pursuing him**

This was the reason David went there in the first place. Now the pressure is off for David and his men.

- _____ **accepted him**

Achish saw David as defecting from Saul to him. This is the same king that David had feigned insanity before. David must have seen this as a minor miracle.

- _____ **was given to him**

It initially was given to the tribe of Judah, Joshua 15:31. David must have rationalized that this was technically Israelite territory anyways.

- _____ **from Israel came to him**

We learn that during this period of time mighty men of valor came to David at Ziklag. 1 Chronicles 12 records many of their names. This

is an example of God's gracious sovereign intervention in our lives.

David Rationalized that He Was Doing God's Will but in Reality He Was Living in _____

4. David Lived a Life of Deception (8-12)

The Sweet Singer became a Skilled Liar

David had decided for himself, now he must provide for himself.

- **He did not seek the Lord's _____**

These people were enemies of Israel but God did not order this.

- **His purpose was _____ not divine intervention**

David's heart must have convicted him in this cruel massacre of these people. No wonder he never wrote any Psalms during this time.

- **He covered his sin with _____**

This became David's pattern. It was not just a one-time occurrence. David was living a lie.

Because David Lived in Compromise He Lost His _____