

# David 5 – In the Pits

1. Recap from last time
  1. David with his band of 600 being chased by Saul around the hills, valleys and caves of the area
  2. Psalm 34 – written whilst escaping from a cave
  3. Psalm 57 - Miktam – It has a hidden meaning in it. It is believed to have been sung to music that was called “Do not destroy”
  4. Psalm 31 – David Prays for help and God sends it
  5. Psalm 142 - a Maskil Psalm – written in a special way probably as a memory verse
  6. All about seeking Gods guidance
2. 1 Samuel 25 1 – Samuel dies but the story moves on
  1. 1 Sam 2 – 3 Here we meet the main characters in this section. Abigail - was an intelligent and beautiful woman Nabal – surly and mean.
  2. 4-11; 12-17 There is a culture difference in the right of hospitality. What we may take as cheek, was normal good grace at the time. - a classic example of how not to win friends and influence people
  3. 18-27; 28-31; 32-35 Q – What do we think about Abigail taking the blame for this?
  4. 36-44 Q – What do we think about David marrying her – Was this for love or for other reasons.
3. Psalm 40 was probably written at this time
  1. 1-11 Here David is thanking God
  2. 12-17 Here the psalm changes. It is not a song of praise and thanks any more. David has more problems, so he asks God for more help
4. 1 Samuel 26 – David spares Saul’s life again. The spear makes its appearance again.
  1. 1-5 – Saul evidently felt very confident here with his 3000 troupes compared to David's band of 600. Evidently a false sense of security.
  2. 6-12 – The Ziphites betray David again but this time he is not cornered. Q What did Abishai want to do? Why did David not do it?
  3. 13-20; 21-25 – Q It would have been much easier for David to have walked away from the situation but he confronts Saul and chides Abner. - Why
    1. Firstly to try and bring peace

2. Speaking honestly – not attacking but trying to seek their welfare
  3. If we honour and obey God - the situation will be honoured by God
5. 1 Samuel 27
1. v1 – Q where did David go and why – What was David thinking? -  
Commentators have two differing opinions on this stage of David's life – Where was God in all this.
  2. 2-7 - Q Was David sinning by going to Gath? Was it a false sense of security?
  3. 8-12 Q How was David hoodwinking Achish ?
  4. 1 Samuel 28 1-2
6. The Story moves on with a slight interlude going back to Saul showing how far from God he had travelled. The writer also knew that he had left the reader in suspense as far as David's story goes. 3 facts need to be remembered here
1. Samuel is Dead – see 1 Samuel 25
  2. The occult was viewed as detestable
  3. It was Saul's duty as king to prevent occult activity.
2. 1 Samuel 28 3-25
7. Now moving back to David and Achish 1 Samuel 29. The area being talked about here is in the Northern area of Israel. It is suggested that Saul was in the area quashing some other rebellion and the Philistines thought that they would take advantage of the situation.
1. 1-5
  2. 6-11 The use of the Lord's name in v6 indicates Achish's respect for David and his faith. Q Do we really think that David is going to fight for the Philistines as Achish evidently had no clue to David's underground activities?
8. 1 Samuel 30 Ziklag was the city where David and his band had been living when with the Philistines
1. 1-6
  2. 7-14; 15-20
  3. 21-30 – The Amalekites were a pastoral, and hence a nomadic race. Their kings bore the hereditary name of Agag. They existed at the time of Abraham as they are mentioned in Genesis. They are mentioned in Babylonian inscriptions and called Sute.
  4. Q What is the key verse in this section v6 David remembered God and asked what to do.
  5. Q What do we think about David sending some of the spoils back to Judah?

9. End Challenge – We had one last time - Bad authority is still authority. Should it be respected? The one for this time is how do we keep our eyes focused on God – 1 Corinthians 10 1-13