

Sermon Notes – 1 Samuel 22

David Leads those in Distress, Debt, and Discontent

I am totally convinced, though I might be wrong, that what the Bible is showing us is a world that is giving birth to the Kingdom of God. We get glimpse after glimpse in the Bible that it is about to break through.

- ☞ Moses parts the Red Sea.
- ☞ Elisha outprays the prophets of Baal.
- ☞ John the Baptist baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River.
- ☞ The Apostle Peter walks out of prison.
- ☞ The Apostle Paul survives a shipwreck.

This is the Gospel – *God will redeem all of creation but it will be as childbirth. It will start and stop and hurt like nothing you can imagine and the only reason we stay in at all is because we long for what comes at the end – new birth.*

BRING IT ON!!! But it is easy to get confused. You slingshot Goliath, take his sword as a souvenir, cut off his head, and carry it around. You are the new heavy weight champion of the world!

- ☞ Moses spent 40 years in the wilderness and never saw another glimpse like the one at the Red Sea.
- ☞ Elisha saw God burn 400 prophets into dust and then ran out into the desert afraid for his life.
- ☞ John the Baptist went to prison and started to wonder if Jesus was the one or should we expect another.
- ☞ Peter was arrested and tried and was hung on a cross like that of Jesus, only Peter died upside down.
- ☞ Paul is arrested and rots in jail until they kill him.

We want God to act in bold and obvious ways. And once in a while he does, but mostly he does not.

David Defeats Goliath but the Kingdom Doesn't Change

The king makes David a son, but he does not make him king. And the old kingdom stands as tall and corrupt as before.

Read 1 Samuel 18:6-9 – If the king didn't kill David, the people would make him king.

Read 1 Samuel 19:1-2 – Following the incredible glimpse... all that comes with the Kingdom of God -- safety, healing, justice, relief from our debt... David now runs for his life.

Read 1 Samuel 21:10-15 – Humiliation – The way to change is through suffering. You do what is right and you suffer through the change. This isn't a religion we would make up.

Why would God let this happen to me? **It isn't just about you.**

David Leads the Disconnected – Read 1 Samuel 22:1-2

This is the true picture of David, not a killer of giants, but a leader of the disconnected.

David's inner circle became people who wouldn't even have gotten past the castle door if David had immediately become king.

Like David, Jesus is a leader of those in distress, in debt, and discontented.

It is stuff like this that makes the Bible ring true to me. Why do I believe in the Bible? Why do I believe in God? Why do I believe in a Savior? Because when you drill down to the core of what the Gospel is, you find stuff like this.

Jesus came to lead those in distress, in debt, and discontent.

For us in the middle, we get to choose who we will align ourselves with. What will you choose?