

For Cave Dwellers Only

SERIES: DAVID Part 5

1 Samuel 22:1 (MSG) So David got away and escaped to the Cave of Adullam. . . .

I. The CAVE How It Happened

Psalms 142:1-7

II. The CHALLENGE What It Involved

1 Samuel 22:1 (MSG) . . . When his brothers and others associated with his family heard where he was, they came down and joined him.

1 Samuel 22:2 (NIV) All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader. About four hundred men were with him.

III. The TURNING Point in David's Life

1. He would ACCEPT his situation and make the best of it.
2. If those around him needed LEADERSHIP, he'd provide it.

Psalms 57:1-3; Psalm 57:4

Psalms 57:5 (NIV) Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

Psalms 57:7 (NIV) My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

Psalms 57:11 (NIV) Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

Psalms 34:1 (NIV) I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

1. He's putting their eyes on the LORD. "I sought the LORD, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears."
2. To the distressed among the group he says, "O taste and see that the LORD is good; how blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!"

3. To those in debt he says, "O fear the LORD, you His saints; for to those who fear Him, there is no want."

4. To the discontented he says, "The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; but they who seek the LORD shall not be in want of any good thing."

5. A wrap-up lesson to the entire group: "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the LORD delivers him out of them all."

IV. The CHANGE: Why It Occurred Why did such a major change take place in David's life and attitude?

1st, because David hurt enough to ADMIT his need.

2nd, he was honest enough to CRY for help.

3rd, he was humble enough to LEARN from God.

The conversion of a soul is the miracle of a moment,
but the making of a saint is the task of a lifetime.

V. Why Do We Need A REFUGE?

1st, we need a refuge because we are in distress and sorrow
ACCOMPANIES us.

2nd, we need a refuge because we are SINFUL and GUILT accuses us.

3rd, we need a refuge because we are surrounded by
ADVERSARIES and misunderstanding assaults us.