



## **Doubting David**

29th in the “God’s King” Series

1 Samuel 27:1-28:2

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### **Introduction**

In this passage, God displays the downfall of the person who doubts the proven promises of God.

### **The Text: 1 Samuel 27:1-28:2**

### **What happens when David stops trusting in the promises of God?**

- 1) David allows fear and self-protection to dominate the way he thinks about his situation (v. 1).
- 2) David associates with people and systems that do not honor or reflect God’s will and ways (vv. 2-4).
- 3) David negotiates a place for himself by capitulating to worldly power and protection (vv. 5-7).
- 4) David covers his lies and deceit by slaughtering all possible witnesses (vv. 8-11).
- 5) David enters a world in which everyone becomes a pawn of abuse and evil (vv. 12, 1-2).

*Psalm 62:1-2: <sup>1</sup> Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. <sup>2</sup> Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.*

### **Some pastoral exhortations:**

- Do not let your thinking lead you down the path of doubting God – he has not and cannot fail you.
- Learn from David’s mistakes that fear and self-protection will end in destruction.
- Pray Psalm 62: Direct your soul to find rest in God.

### **Response**

Help us, Father, to entrust our souls to you, to allow you to be our rock and our fortress.

## Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.

- 1) After a heroic example of obedience to God in 1 Samuel 26, David falters big time in 1 Samuel 27 as he begins to doubt God and pursues his own plan for self-protection. Why can Christians have moments where they fully entrust themselves to God and others where they let doubt, fear, and self-protection dominate them?
  
- 2) Once David begins telling lies and acting deceptively, he cannot stop – and worse, he is forced to kill to cover his story. How does sin give birth to sin in the life of a Christian? How have you seen this happen in your life or in the lives of others?
  
- 3) Every time the text mentions David’s “thoughts” (vv. 1, 11) it is when David is acting out of fear and self-protection. How can our “thoughts” lead us down a path that doubts the promises of God?
  
- 4) The apostle Paul urges Christians to take captive every thought. What insights does 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 give us for guarding our wayward thoughts that doubt God?

*2 Corinthians 10:3-5: <sup>3</sup> For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

- 5) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

**Further study this week:** Passages related to the message of this week’s text: Proverbs 3:5-8 (Mon); Matthew 14:22-33 (Tues); Matthew 21:18-22 (Wed); Hebrews 11:1-2 (Thurs); James 1:2-8 (Fri).