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O. SEEK HELP WHEN _____

1 Samuel 21:10a, *And David rose and fled that day from Saul.*

- ✳ Dale Davis | "If one is in a desperate condition for long, one begins to get desperate about getting through desperation. It becomes wearing, especially if, like David, one is on his own."

1 Samuel 21:1a, *Then David came to Nob to Ahimelech the priest.*

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, *Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!*

- ✳ Seeking help isn't a sign of weakness; it's a sign of wisdom.

1. DON'T RESORT TO FAITHLESS _____

1 Samuel 21:1-3, *Then David came to Nob to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech came to meet David, trembling, and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no one with you?" And David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has charged me with a matter and said to me, 'Let no one know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you.' I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here."*

- ✳ David is trusting in his own understanding (schemes) instead of trusting in God.

Ephesians 4:25a, *Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor...*

WHY DID DAVID LIE:

- ✳ He isn't sure he can trust Ahimelech
- ✳ To save Ahimelech from accusation
- ✳ He was trusting his schemes more than God's providence

2. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT _____

1 Samuel 22:18-19, *Then the king said to Doeg, "You turn and strike the priests." And Doeg the Edomite turned and struck down the priests, and he killed on that day eighty-five persons who wore the linen ephod. And Nob, the city of the priests, he put to the sword; both man and woman, child and infant, ox, donkey and sheep, he put to the sword.*

- ✳ By deceiving Ahimelech, David put him (and many others) in grave danger that David could not have possibly foreseen in his limited human wisdom.

3. GOD PROVIDES UNDESERVED

1 Samuel 21:4-6, *And the priest answered David, "I have no common bread on hand, but there is holy bread - if the young men have kept themselves from women." And David answered the priest, "Truly women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition. The vessels of the young men are holy even when it is an ordinary journey. How much more today will their vessels be holy?" So the priest gave him the holy bread, for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the Lord, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.*

- ✳ **Holy Bread or Bread Of Presence** | twelve loaves were arranged on a table in two piles, in the Holy Place of the sanctuary, on each Sabbath day. The loaves were a reminder that God supplies the needs of his people.
- ✳ **According to Leviticus 24:9**, the old bread was to be eaten only by the priests, in a holy place.
- ✳ **How could Ahimelech give the bread to David and men who were not priests?** The Answer was provided by Jesus, 1,000 years later.

Luke 6:3-4, *And Jesus answered them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?"*

Mark 2:27, *And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."*

- ✳ **F. F. Bruce** | The point seems to be that human need takes priority over ceremonial law.
- ✳ **When there is conflict between the obligations of the moral law and the rituals of the ceremonial law**, the latter must give way to the former.
- ✳ **Dale Davis** | "Some readers may object that David in his deception does not deserve this provision. So what else is new? If we only received the daily bread we deserve, we'd all starve to death."

4. GOD LEADS US

1 Samuel 21:7, *Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the Lord. His name was Doeg the Edomite, the chief of Saul's herdsmen.*

- ✳ **Chief Herdsmen** | "the mighty (one) of the shepherds"

1 Samuel 22:22, *And David said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have occasioned the death of all the persons of your father's house."*

1 Samuel 21:8-9, *Then David said to Ahimelech, "Then have you not here a spear or a sword at hand? For I have brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste." And the priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you struck down in the Valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take that, take it, for there is none but that here." And David said, "There is none like that; give it to me."*

- ✳ **God providentially provides for David's needs**, making sure David would have what he needs, when he needs it, and where he needs it.
- ✳ **God provided for David and protected him**, not because David deserved it, but in spite of what David had done.

James 1:2-4, *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

Romans 8:28, *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

- ✳ **All Things** | Includes the sinful things people do to us, the trials we endure, the common difficulties of life, and even in spite of our own sins and faithless actions.

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