

## 1-2 SAMUEL: THE RISE OF A POET

### **An Unholy War** **1 Samuel 22.6 - 23.14**

1. Has anyone ever told you that you were being paranoid? What was it about? Were they right?
2. Have you ever been around someone who was out of control like Saul in this story? What was it like?
3. If David had told Ahimelech the complete truth (1 Sam 21.1-6) do you think it would have helped in his defense with Saul? Is David in fact guilty for these deaths as he says in v22?
4. Why do Saul's guards dare refuse his order to kill Ahimelech and the priests?
5. Saul's fear is fueled by lies that he is telling himself about the source of his value and security. What lies are you telling yourself about your identity?
6. To combat the lies we tell ourselves we need to open up ways for truth to come in. What are some practical steps you can take to increase your intake of God's truth?
7. When we lack control, we often respond in fear, which affects those around us. Who is most often the subject of your attacks, whether by your presence or in your absence?
8. How does this passage help you understand God? How does it exalt Jesus?
9. Out of everything we talked about from God's Word today, what did the Holy Spirit use to speak to you most clearly? Now that He's shown you that, what are you going to do about it?
10. Hear the words of David as if Jesus were speaking them to you: "Stay with me; do not be afraid, for he who seeks my life seeks your life. With me you shall be in safekeeping" (22:23). What do these words do to your heart? Do they engender love and gratitude to Jesus? Spend some time praying and express your thoughts to Him.