

1-2 SAMUEL: THE RISE OF A POET

David in Philistia **1 Samuel 27-30**

1. Do you ever think about moving to the country and setting up a homestead? Where would you go? What kinds of animals would you have?
2. What was sinful about David's decision to go to Gath?
3. Why do you think Achish was so welcoming to David and his men?
4. Was David justified in raiding and killing the people in the towns listed in 1 Sam 27.8? See 1 Sam 15.2-3 and Joshua 13.1-2. Does this change your answer?
5. Read 1 Sam 28.1-2. What do you think was going through David's mind?
6. Read 1 Sam 29.1-5. Why do you think the Philistine warlords did not trust David while Achish did? What do you think David would have done had they not intervened?
7. Why does David ask the Lord if they should pursue the Amalekites who raided Ziklag and captured their families? What would you have done? What does it show about David's heart?
8. What does David insist on sharing the spoil with the men who stayed behind?
9. God's sovereignty is on full display in this story. Does it eliminate the need for human effort? What is the biblical balance?
10. Does a knowledge of God's grace cause us to sin more or less? Why?
11. Which of the six words on the way back to God (intentional, personal, repentant, submissive, trusting, generous) most resonated with you? Why?