

“CAVE COLLEGE”
LIFE OF DAVID SERIES
1 SAM 21-24
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I. INTRODUCTION

- a. Where did you go to school at? Can you remember your first day of school?
- b. School is a place where we go to learn things that will help us live our life better. David went to a school we are going to call “Cave College”
- c. Psalm 142 gives us David’s thoughts while in this place we are going to call Cave College
 - i. His Cry (v.1-2)
 - ii. His Circumstances (v. 3-4)
 1. Overwhelmed
 2. Alone
 - iii. His Confidence (5-7)
 1. His Trust in God
 2. His Acknowledgment that He needed God
 3. His Faith that God would deliver

II. A TIME OF TRIAL (22)

- a. **The Trail of Leadership 1-4**
 - i. New Followers (A Motley Crew)
 - ii. Needy Family
- b. **The Trail of Leaving (v. 5)**
 - i. David will be a man continually on the move
- c. **The Trail of Loss (v. 6-23 see ch 21:1-9)**
 - i. David lies to the Priests in Nob
 1. He receives bread and weapons from them
 2. They are not aware that he is running from the King
 - ii. Saul hears of this and slays the priests in chapter 22
 - iii. Note the respect of authority and how Saul’s servants refuse to strike down the priests (will talk about that principle later)
 - iv. V. 20-23)
 - v. David recognizes that his actions have caused the death of all of this man’s family

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1. David accepts responsibility and does what he can to help those who have been injured by his actions

III. A TIME OF TRAINING (ch 23)

a. Trained to Seek God (2-13)

- i. Prayer
- ii. Urim and Thummin (Exodus 28) contained in Breastplate of the Linen Ephod of the Priest.
 1. Light and Perfection/Truth/Integrity)
 2. Thy Word is a Light unto my Path
 3. Thy Word is Truth

b. Trained to Trust God (26-29)

- i. God is Faithful to Deliver His People

IV. A TIME OF TRIUMPH (24)

- a. What is the greatest victory David ever won? Was it when he defeated the giant Goliath in the valley of Elah with just a stone and a sling?
- b. No I believe it was in the Wilderness of EnGidi when he defeated a much stronger and much more dangerous enemy than Goliath.
- c. What was that triumph? Let's see:
- d. 24:1-4a
 - i. Saul finds David
 - ii. Saul goes into the edge of a cave to “do his business”
 - iii. “cover his feet” squat down and lower your clothing to your feet to have a bowel movement
 - iv. Saul is completely helpless
- e. 4b-7
 - i. David cuts off a piece of Saul's robe
 - ii. David respects authority
- f. 8
 - i. What a scene
 - ii. Great Scenes in the Bible
 1. Moses “Let my People Go”

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2. Joshua “As for me and my house we will serve the Lord”
 3. David “You come to me with a sword and a shield....
 4. Nathan “Thou art the man...”
 5. David “My Lord the King....”
 6. David was Saul’s enemy, but Saul was never David’s enemy
- g. 9-22
- i. *17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. 20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:17-21 (NKJV)*
 - ii. What level do we wish to live on?
 1. The Devils Level: We repay good with evil
 2. The World’s Level: We repay evil with evil
 3. The Lord’s Level: We repay evil with good
- h. David’s Greatest Victory was when he defeated his own self and desire for revenge against Saul there in the Caves at En Gedi.
- i. Trails, Training, and Triumph at Cave College