



“From Cave to Courage”

**David's hiding - Transformed into
boldness and leadership**

**Key Texts: 1 Samuel 22:1-12;
2 Sam 23:8-17**

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David Fleeing Saul, Escapes to a Cave

1 Samuel 22:1,2

1 David departed from there (Gath) and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him.



2 And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to him. And he became a captain over them. And there were with him about four hundred men.



2 Samuel 23:8-12 (NASB)


8 These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Joshebbasshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the captains, he was called Adino the Eznite, because of eight hundred slain by him at one time;

9 and after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there to battle and the men of Israel had withdrawn.



10 He arose and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary and clung to the sword, and the LORD brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to strip the slain.

11 Now after him was Shammah the son of Agee a Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered into a troop where there was a plot of ground full of lentils, and the people fled from the Philistines.



12 But he took his stand in the midst of the plot, defended it and struck the Philistines; and the LORD brought about a great victory.



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1. His Retreat to the Cave

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2. David's Four Hundred Men (1 Sam 22:2)

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**3. Our Disappointments and
Failures are not Final**

**Philippians 1:6
Psalm 138:8**



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1 Corinthians 1:27-29

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**Learning from David's
Leadership 2 Samuel 23:8-12**

**4. Making Disciples: David's
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**5. David longs for a drink
from the wells of
Bethlehem (2 Samuel 23:13-17)**


2 Samuel 23:13-17



13 Then three of the thirty chief men went down and came to David in the harvest time to the cave of Adullam, while the troop of the Philistines was camping in the valley of Rephaim.

14 David was then in the stronghold, while the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

15 David had a craving and said, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate!"



16 So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but poured it out to the LORD;
17 and he did, "Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this. Shall I drink the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" Therefore he would not drink it. These things the three mighty men did.



**“Men that have hazarded
their lives for the Name
of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- Acts 15:26**



God - “Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

- 1Tim 2:4 ESV



Questions to Ask

1. Have your “debts” been settled by Christ? (Eph 2:8,9; Romans 10:9,10)

2. Who are you pursuing in discipleship, mentoring, and training? (Cp: Mk. 3:14)

3. Pray: What can be done to advance God’s kingdom, reaching others for Christ?