



David and Saul: A Study in Contrasts (1 Sam 22-23)

Notes: Week Thirteen

**Questions for 1 Samuel 22 can be found in Week Twelve*

David Saves Keilah - [1 Samuel 23:1-6](#)¹

Topics: [Answers](#), [Arguments](#), [Assurance](#), [Courage](#), [Decisions](#), [Enemies](#), [Fear](#), [Goals](#), [God's Will](#), [Guidance](#), [Help](#), [Instructions](#), [Mission](#), [Neighbor](#), [Obedience](#), [Peer Pressure](#), [Plans](#), [Prayer](#), [Questions](#), [Risk](#), [Success](#), [Victory](#), [War](#)

Open It

1. What are some examples of appropriate and inappropriate "rescuing"?
2. *What method or methods do you use to make decisions in your life?

Explore It

3. What news did David get about Keilah? ([23:1](#))
4. *What was David's first response to the news that an Israelite town was being attacked by an enemy? ([23:2](#))
5. How did the Lord answer David's specific request for guidance? ([23:2](#))
6. *Why were David's men hesitant to follow him into battle? ([23:3](#))
7. *How did God reassure David when he came the second time for guidance? ([23:4](#))
8. What were the results of David's attack on the Philistines? ([23:5](#))
9. By what method was David seeking God's guidance? ([23:6](#))
10. How did the ephod come to be in David's possession? ([23:6](#))

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11. How did David show his leadership qualities by considering an attack when he heard the news about Keilah?
12. How did David show humility by the order in which he proceeded with his plans?
13. *What was good about the way David made his decisions?
14. Why were David's men afraid to go attack the Philistines?
15. What is your first reaction when you hear about someone in close proximity to you who is in trouble?
16. What would be difficult or easy about believing that God would deliver a city with a ragtag band of misfits?
17. As a leader, how is it effective or ineffective to minimize the fears of your supporters?
18. How did the lone remaining priest benefit David and his followers when he sought their protection?
19. *Why is it important to seek God's guidance before embarking even on an errand of mercy?

Apply It

20. *What instinct to rescue should you check with the Lord this week before you act?
21. What verse of Scripture could you memorize to remind yourself that you succeed by God's strength rather than your own?

Saul Pursues David - [1 Samuel 23:7-29](#)²

Topics: [Affirmation](#), [Answers](#), [Covenant](#), [Decisions](#), [Discernment](#), [Encouragement](#), [Enemies](#), [Escape](#), [Fellowship](#), [Friendship](#), [Guidance](#), [Hiding](#), [Humility](#), [Hypocrisy](#), [Loyalty](#), [Moving](#), [Murder](#), [Persistence](#), [Protection](#), [Representatives](#), [Salvation](#), [Separation](#), [Timing](#)

Open It

1. *What is the most exciting chase scene you've seen or read about recently?
2. What associations do you have with the term betrayer?

Explore It

3. What was Saul's thought when he learned that David was at Keilah? ([23:7](#))
4. *What action did Saul take immediately upon learning of David's whereabouts at Keilah? ([23:8](#))
5. What action did David take when he learned that Saul was coming after him? ([23:9](#))
6. What were David's two questions to God using the ephod, and how were they answered? ([23:10-12](#))
7. What strategy did David use to escape Saul? ([23:13](#))
8. Why was Saul unable to catch David? ([23:14](#))
9. Where was David when he learned that Saul planned not only to capture him but also to kill him? ([23:15](#))
10. *What was accomplished when David and Jonathan met in secret? ([23:16](#))
11. What did Jonathan predict about David's future? ([23:17](#))
12. *What did the two friends, Jonathan and David, do before they parted ways? ([23:18](#))
13. What group of people offered to turn David over to Saul? ([23:19-20](#))
14. What did Saul ask the Ziphites to do for him? ([23:21-23](#))
15. In what desert area was Saul catching up to David and his men? ([23:24-25](#))
16. What unforeseen circumstance rescued David when Saul was about to catch him? ([23:27-29](#))

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17. How would you compare the way Saul and David arrived at their respective decisions about what to do next?
18. What might have motivated the people of Keilah to surrender David and his men to Saul?
19. In what circumstance have you known repeated supernatural preservation from harm?
20. Why do you think Saul continued to try to kill David, although he knew David was God's anointed?
21. *What are some of the ways that Christians can help one another "find strength in God"?
22. *Who are some of the friends you can encourage?
23. How important was the cooperation of the people of Ziph to Saul's "search and destroy" operation?

Apply It

24. *What friend or acquaintance can you help to find strength in God this coming week?
25. For what act of deliverance should you make a point of thanking God publicly?