

**David: Following God's Heart**  
**Lesson #8**

**Title:** When Crisis Meets Faith the Lord Will Provide

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 27-31

**Announcements:**

**Good Friday Prayer Walk:** Pray through the Passion narrative...Good Friday, 3-6pm in the Worship Center.

**Father/Daughter Photos:** Dads, if you went to the Father/Daughter Breakfast last Saturday be sure to stop by the patio table today and pick up your photo.

**Worship Team Auditions:** Has God been prompting you to become part of our Worship Team but you just haven't reached out yet? Worship Team auditions are happening on April 30. Check out the COTF website to sign up.

**Open in Prayer**

**Opening Question:** If you had 24 hours to live which of your current "do today" items would you forsake? What would you do instead?

**Read 1 Samuel 27**

1. Why does David desire to move to the country?
  
2. What was David's motive for totally annihilating those whom he raided? Was David justified in raiding the out-lying towns?
  
3. David escapes Saul only to land in Achish's lap? When has an escape plan of yours turned into a similar "out of the frying pan into the fire" escapade? What good, if any, came of that fiery situation?

**Read 1 Samuel 28**

4. Why does Saul expel spiritists and mediums from Israel (See Lev. 19:31; 20:6; Deut. 18:10-13)? Yet then why does he consult one anyway?

5. Why has God stopped responding to Saul when he calls? How has Saul responded to God's calls in the past?
  
6. When Saul was going through trials he would lean on anything but God. The same can ring true for us when we go through a health crisis we can lean on medication before God. In what areas of your life can you fall into the trap of self-medicating rather than relying on God?

**Read 1 Samuel 29**

7. What reservations do the Philistine leaders have about David fighting on their side? What is the view of Achish? Why such conflicting opinions?
  
8. Do you think David would have fought against Israel? Or was he bluffing?

**Read 1 Samuel 30**

9. How does the Lord once again look after David's interests when his enemies attack him?
  
10. While David is destroying the Amalekites, Saul is dying in battle. How does David at this point replace Saul as God's anointed (see 15:2-3)?

**Read 1 Samuel 31**

11. Why does Saul ask his armor-bearer to kill him?
  
12. As part of the Christian's witness, the Puritans stressed the importance of "dying well." How can you get ready to "die well"?

**Close in Prayer**