

“God’s Guidance?”
(I Samuel 27:1-28:2)

And now I realize that you are surely going to be king, and that the kingdom of Israel will flourish under your rule. I Sam 24:20 ESV

David’s plan (1-4)

Then David said in his heart, “Now I shall perish one day by the hand of Saul. I Samuel 27:1 ESV

There is nothing better for me than that I should escape to the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will despair of seeking me any longer within the borders of Israel, and I shall escape out of his hand.”² So David arose and went over, he and the six hundred men who were with him, to Achish the son of Maach, king of Gath.³ And David lived with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, and David with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail of Carmel, Nabal’s widow.⁴ And when it was told Saul that David had fled to Gath, he no longer sought him. I Samuel 27:2-4 ESV

David’s City (5-7)

⁵ Then David said to Achish, “If I have found favor in your eyes, let a place be given me in one of the country towns, that I may dwell there. For why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you? I Samuel 27:5 ESV

So that day Achish gave him Ziklag. Therefore Ziklag has belonged to the kings of Judah to this day.⁷ And the number of the days that David lived in the country of the Philistines was a year and four months. I Samuel 27:6-7 ESV

David’s Campaigns (8-12)

⁸ Now David and his men went up and made raids against the Geshurites, the Girzites, and the Amalekites, for these were the inhabitants of the land from of old, as far as Shur, to the land of Egypt. I Samuel 27:8 ESV

⁹ *And David would strike the land and would leave neither man nor woman alive, but would take away the sheep, the oxen, the donkeys, the camels, and the garments, and come back to Achish.* I Samuel 27:9
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As the Geshurites, Girzites, and Amalekites were under the ban commanded by the Torah (Deut. 20:16-17); none of them was to be spared by the Israelites in warfare. David, the man after the Lord's heart was careful to follow the prescribed rules of warfare. Thus, whenever he attacked an area inhabited by those peoples, he did not leave a man or woman alive. (Bergen)

¹⁰ *When Achish asked, "Where have you made a raid today?" David would say, "Against the Negeb of Judah," or, "Against the Negeb of the Jerahmeelites," or, "Against the Negeb of the Kenites."* I Samuel 27:10
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¹¹ *And David would leave neither man nor woman alive to bring news to Gath, thinking, "lest they should tell about us and say, 'So David has done.'" Such was his custom all the while he lived in the country of the Philistines.* ¹² *And Achish trusted David, thinking, "He has made himself an utter stench to his people Israel; therefore he shall always be my servant."* I Samuel 27:11-12
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David's Dilemma (28:1-2)

In those days the Philistines gathered their forces for war, to fight against Israel. And Achish said to David, "Understand that you and your men are to go out with me in the army." I Samuel 28:1
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² *David said to Achish, "Very well, you shall know what your servant can do." And Achish said to David, "Very well, I will make you my bodyguard for life."* I Samuel 28:2
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Principles

Don't allow difficult circumstances to lead to stinkin thinkin.

Don't doubt in the darkness what God has shown you in the light.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness drive the dark of doubt away

God can work even when we make bad decisions.

Application

Think about a current problem you are facing

What lies are you believing related to that problem?

Speak the truth of God's Word into your situation.

³⁸ *So now I live with the confidence that there is nothing in the universe with the power to separate us from God's love. I'm convinced that his love will triumph over death, life's troubles, fallen angels, or dark rulers in the heavens. There is nothing in our present or future circumstances that can weaken his love.* ³⁹ *There is no power above us or beneath us—no power that could ever be found in the universe that can distance us from God's passionate love, which is lavished upon us through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One!* Rom. 8:39-39 TPT