

WILD THOUGHTS

A STUDY IN THE LIFE OF KING DAVID

FROM A CAVE TO THE PALACE AS THE KING

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Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

1 Samuel 22:1,2 & 31:1-4

David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father's household heard about it, they went down to him there. All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their commander. About four hundred men were with him.

Now the Philistines fought against Israel; the Israelites fled before them, and many fell dead on Mount Gilboa.² The Philistines were in hot pursuit of Saul and his sons, and they killed his sons Jonathan, Abinadab and Malki-Shua.³ The fighting grew fierce around Saul, and when the archers overtook him, they wounded him critically.

⁴ Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword and run me through, or these uncircumcised fellows will come and run me through and abuse me."

But his armor-bearer was terrified and would not do it; so Saul took his own sword and fell on it.

2 Samuel 5:1-3 & 7:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood.

² In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'

³ When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him,² he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

³ Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you."

IN THE CAVE WE LEARN THE JOY OF SOLITUDE AND ALONENESS

Psalm 142:5,6

I cry to you, Lord;

I say, "You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living."

Listen to my cry,

for I am in desperate need;
rescue me from those who pursue me,
for they are too strong for me.

Psalm 142:7

Set me free from my prison,

that I may praise your name.

Then the righteous will gather about me

because of your goodness to me.

IN THE CAVE DAVID ATTRACTED A TEAM THAT UNIFIED AROUND HIM

Psalm 133:1

How good and pleasant it is

when God's people live together in unity!

DAVID LEARNED THAT WITH A UNIFIED TEAM YOU CAN GET OUT OF YOUR CAVE AND BACK TO YOUR PALACE.

2 Samuel 7:2

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