

Daily Devotional



David Welsh | Hitting Rock Bottom | 1 Samuel 18-23 | June 19 . 20

■ day one { beyond today: 1 Samuel 18:1-8 }

Have you ever wished that you could know what was going to happen to you in the future? Think of all the things that have happened to you that you never knew were coming. If you had known, would you have worried? Tried to prevent them? Stressed out? One of God's greatest blessings is shielding us from all that is in our future. Read Jesus' plan for managing one's daily life in Matt. 6:34.

■ day two { trust Him: 1 Samuel 20:1 }

When have you said lately, "Why me Lord?" Who has not asked that question when tragedy strikes? In Romans 8:28, Paul assures all Christians that God is in control. Even when we don't understand God's will or process, our job is to trust in Him. Between killing Goliath and becoming king of Israel, David had some very difficult times. Is your trust in God strong enough or do you try to depend upon your own resources?

■ day three { what's important: 1 Samuel 20:17 }

Who is your best friend (not Jesus, but someone here on Earth)? Is this friendship important? David lost his position in the king's court, adoration of the multitudes, a comfortable home but, he did NOT lose his best friend, Jonathan. List some important things that Jesus has given you. Would you give them up for worldly treasures? I hope not! Don't linger on what has been taken from you; remember what has been given to you.

■ day four { bad choices: 1 Samuel 21:1-6 }

Have you made some bad choices? Did someone get hurt? You? Were these choices made with or without God's guidance? What bad choices did David make in his life? Who got hurt? Things that "seem like a good idea at the time" and go awry are not of God!

■ day five { trapped in a cave }

Have you ever been in a cave when the lights went out? What was it like? Dark, cold, damp, scary, lonely? Do you sometimes feel like you are in such a place? At rock bottom? Escaping from our “caves” requires that we:

(Look up)- Acknowledge God's sovereignty

(Come clean)- Confess our sins

(Stand tall)- Humbly admit our complete dependence upon Him.

David had highs and lows in his life, but he did these three things and, as a result, is known as “a man after God's own heart.”

■ a word from the writers

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