# Samuel 27-30 David's Rebellion

1 Samuel 26:25
25 Then Saul said to David,
"May you be blessed, my son David;
you will do great things and surely
triumph." So David went on his way,
and Saul returned home.

1 Samuel 27:1

1 But David thought to himself,

"One of these days I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul.

The best thing I can do is to escape to the land of the Philistines.

Then Saul will give up searching for me anywhere in Israel, and I will slip out of his hand."

James 1:2-4 2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

4 Perseverance
must finish its work so that
you may be mature and
complete, not lacking anything.

1 Samuel 27:8-11 8 Now David and his men went up and raided the Geshurites, the Girzites and the Amalekites.

(From ancient times these peoples had lived in the land extending to Shur and Egypt.)

9 Whenever David attacked an area, he did not leave a man or woman alive, but took sheep and cattle, donkeys and camels, and clothes. Then he returned to Achish.

10 When Achish asked,
"Where did you go raiding today?"
David would say, "Against the Negev
of Judah" or "Against the Negev of
Jerahmeel" or "Against the Negev of
the Kenites."

11 He did not leave a man or woman alive to be brought to Gath, for he thought, "They might inform on us and say, 'This is what David did.'

" And such was his practice as long as he lived in Philistine territory.

4 But the Philistine commanders were angry with him and said, "Send the man back, that he may return to the place you assigned him.

He must not go with us into battle, or he will turn against us during the fighting. How better could he regain his master's favor than by taking the heads of our own men?

5 Isn't this the
David they sang about in their dances:
" 'Saul has slain his thousands, and
David his tens of thousands'?"

6 So Achish called David and said to him, "As surely as the LORD lives, you have been reliable, and I would be pleased to have you serve with me in he army.

From the day you came to me until now, I have found no fault in you, but the rulers don't approve of you.

7 Turn back and go in peace; do nothing to displease the Philistine rulers."

4 So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep.

5 David's two wives had been captured--Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel.

6 David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters.

But David found strength in the LORD his God.

# What Can We Learn From This Part of David's Life?

- Guard our hearts and trust what we know to be true about God.
- Recognize when we are justifying the sin in our life.
- Evaluate whether we are "wearing the face."
- God is with us in the midst of our rebellion.
- We need Jesus.