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SERIES: 1 Samuel, Part 2 (Who Are You Most Like – Saul or David?)

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FRIDAY

OPEN

Are you, my friend, looking for a way of escape? I mean, you've had it; it's too hard to be in this relationship. It's too hard to be in this job. It's too hard to be a parent. It's too hard to be a husband. You need a way of escape and you've just had it so much that you're about to act, you're about to do something, Beloved, that you're going to deeply regret. Don't do it. Don't miss what God has to say to you today.

PART ONE

What I want to do in these next several programs is I want to talk to you about waiting on God. I want to talk to you about moving at God's timing. I want to talk to you what it's like when you're in the wilderness and you're just seemingly walking around and nothing is going well. That's what I want to talk to you about, because I know that I know that I know that so many of you are in desperate situations and you're weary and you're tired and you

don't want to stay there anymore and you want a way out. You want a way of escape. You're impatient. And what you need to do is you need to wait upon God. I want to begin our lesson on 1 Samuel 23 by taking you to 1 Corinthians chapter 10. And it's a very very important scripture that I'm going to give you, and it's one really that I believe that you should memorize. When I became a child of God at the age of 29 I memorized several verses, assurance of my salvation, assurance of victory and this was the assurance of victory. And I want to read it to you, but I want to do it into context. In 1 Corinthians chapter 10 Paul is talking to them and using the Old Testament as an illustration of their need for patience, of their need to cling to God, of their need to bring their body under subjection. This is what he says at the end of chapter 9. And of course there were no chapter divisions when Paul wrote his letter to the church at Corinth. But he says in chapter 10, verse 1, **"...I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud...all passed [under] the sea;...all were baptized into Moses in the cloud...in the sea; and all ate the same spiritual food...,**" which was manna, **"and all drank [from] the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ."** (1 Corinthians 10:1-4) What he says in those Old Testament days is the Messiah was there, but He had not yet been born of man, but He was there in His Spirit. He was there in His glory, and He was with them. And that rock followed them, and that rock took care of their thirst in the midst of that wilderness that they walked through. It says, **"Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness."** (1 Corinthians 10:5) They went through the wilderness and they didn't make it, and they were laid low because they did not believe God. And it says in verse 6, **"Now these things happened as examples for us...."** (1 Corinthians 10:6a) So the Old Testament is an example for you and for me. We're studying David's life and we need to understand David's life and we need to

understand God as he operates in David's life. We need to understand Saul because these are examples for us. They're our lessons for life, precepts for life for us in the Old Testament. But also that's where we get to know God. And all of that leads up to the New Testament. So the rock that followed them that was Christ that was really in a sense unseen, except when He appeared in a theophany in an angelic appearance, that rock that followed them was Christ. When we get to the New Testament [the word becomes flesh and dwells among us and we behold His glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.] (Paraphrase, John 1:14) And as John says, ["That which we have seen and that which we have heard and that which we have handled of the Word of life, this is who we're telling you about."] (Paraphrased, 1 John 1:1) And so we need this whole Bible. And really what we're doing in studying the Old Testament is we're setting us up for a better and clearer understanding of the New Testament. Well he says, **"...These things happened [to them] as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved." (1 Corinthians 10:6)** And then he says, "[Now] **do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, [that] 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play.'**" (10:7) And he's talking about the days of Moses when they made the golden calf. **"Nor let us act immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in one day."** (10:8) And this is when God slew a whole bunch of them because of the daughters of the Midianites had come over and they were fornicating with them. And it says, **"Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents."** (10:9) And this is when they're grumbling and God has had it up to here and He sends the serpents and the serpents bite them and that's when He makes a pole, puts a serpent on the pole and tells them to look at the pole and if they will look at the pole they will not die from the poison of the serpent. What is it a picture of? It's a picture in John chapter 3 of Jesus being crucified for us, being made sin for us, and if we will look to Him and believe then we will not die.

See there are beautiful beautiful pictures here. And he says, **“Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example...”** (1 Corinthians 10:10-11a)

And this is what he’s telling us; so the Old Testament provides for us examples. (Romans 15:4) They were written for our instruction upon whom the end of the ages has come. In other words, Beloved, we’re living in the last days. We’re living in the final days. We’re living when we’re going to see Messiah come in His power and in His glory, not come for salvation; that’s what He did the first time. But He’s going to come for judgment this time; He’s going to judge the nations. He’s going to pour out His wrath on all the ungodly and He is going to cause us to escape that wrath, which is going to come to try all of those who dwell on the earth, according to Revelation chapter 3, verse 10. **“Now...,”** he says, **“...these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore...”** (1 Corinthians 10:11-12a) When you see a therefore, you want to ask what the therefore is there for, because the therefore is a term of conclusion.

“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.” (10:12) He says, [“Be very very careful when you think that everything is well, you be very careful that you don’t fall.”] And this is what I’m talking about. See, you’ve had it up to here. It’s too much, it’s too hard, it’s too difficult and you’re weary with it. You’re weary with staying in that marriage. You’re weary loving that child that is in such rebellion. You’re weary being under that boss. You’re weary serving the Lord. And he says, “Be careful. You’re standing, but be careful that you do not fall.” He says, **“No temptation...,”** and this is the verse I memorized, 1 Corinthians 10:13, **“No temptation has overtaken you....”** Now that word for temptation, I want to stop and tell you what it is in the Greek. It’s p-e-i-r-a-s-m-o-s, peirasmos. And peirasmos means a temptation, a trial, a test. You may be tempted in your marriage that you’ve had it up to here. You may see

somebody that's more attractive. You may be attracted to another Christian. You may have started praying with that man or start praying with that woman and you have found a bond and you have found a new joy in life and so you're ready to walk out of your marriage. Don't you dare do that! Don't you dare do that! Because if you disobey God, if you go against the Word of God know this, that God is righteous and God will have to judge, so don't you do that. You wait. We've got some good lessons coming up here on waiting and being patient and staying with God while you're walking and wandering and hiding, so to speak, in the wilderness of life. We've got some great things coming up, so you be patient. Don't you dare do a thing until you've finished listening to this series, okay. Now promise me. I mean it, honey. If I could talk to you face to face, you would know that I love you and you would know that I care for you so much that I'm going to tell you the truth no matter what, okay, because that's tough love. That's the love that God has for us. Now he says, "[No temptation, no trial, no testing,] **has overtaken you but such as is common to man....**" (1 Corinthians 10:13a) You are not the first one sister. You are not the first one brother. This is not unique. Don't think that it is unique. I mean Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes: **"...there is nothing new under the sun."** (1:9) Remember there are Old Testament examples for you. All right, and it says that **"No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful...."** **"...God is faithful...."** (1 Corinthians 10:13a) I would underline that. And you're going to see it in David's life; you're going to see what David's going through in these next couple of chapters. But **"God is faithful...."** **"...God is faithful...."** "[He], now listen carefully, **"...will not allow you to be tempted [above] what you are able [to bear]."** (1 Corinthians 10:13b) This is not more than you can bear, Precious One. It is not more than you can bear, Beloved, not if you have Jesus. If you don't have Jesus then this is an invitation for you to come and to believe on Him because He is the deliverer and He will deliver you from your sins and He will give you

the gift of eternal life. And when the end of the ages comes and the wrath of God is poured out on man, and it's being poured out right now, according to John 3:36, on everyone that does not believe in Jesus. It's in the present tense, it's keeps on being poured out. But you want to escape that. And so you want to escape it and the way that you escape is through Jesus Christ. He's the answer. God is faithful. He will not permit you to be tempted above that you are able, tempted, tried or tested above what you are able to bear. ["But with that trial, with that temptation, He will make a way for you to escape."] (Paraphrase, 1 Corinthians 10:13) So it's a divine appointment that you and I are studying the Word of God together today. It's a divine appointment. Don't go away. We'll be right back.

PART TWO

Welcome back, Beloved. Thank you for wanting to know truth. Thank you for wanting to go to the Book, the Book of life, which is the Word of God and see what God has to say. And what I want to tell you right now is this, you are precious to God and you're precious to God because He created you and He created you for Himself. And because He created you, and because He created you for Himself, and because you are precious to God He is going to get you through this wilderness. He is going to get you through this trial. He is going to get you through this temptation if you will just listen to Him. Well now as we saw in 1 Corinthians chapter 10, the Old Testament provides us with an example. And the Old Testament assures us that there is no trial or no testing or no temptation that you are not able to bear, because if you are not able to bear it, then a sovereign God would not allow it to enter your life. Remember, along with all of this, you have God's promise in Romans 8:28 and 29. And that is, ["That all things keep on working together for good,"] present tense in the Greek, which means continuous action, like a line that just keeps going and going and going and going. ["So all things keep on working together for good to those who love God, to those who are

the called, according to His purpose.”] (Romans 8:28) God has a divine purpose in all of this. You can’t see it now. You’re fed up. You want to walk away, but God has a divine purpose. Don’t walk; don’t take off. It’s not more than you can bear. God will provide in His time and His way His way of escape. You’re going to see it; so memorize Romans 8:29. [“For whom God foreknew...”] (8:29a) God foreknew you before you were born. He knew what sperm and what egg would meet. He knew what you would be like. He knew your genetic makeup. He knew you. It’s not a surprise that you get saved, like I got saved at the age of 29. And then God says, “Now wait a minute, where did she come from? Who is she? What’s her background? Look that up, angels, and find out.” No, God knows. God chose me **“...before the foundation of the world,”** and that’s what Ephesians 1 says. (v. 4) So **“...whom He foreknew, He...predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son....” (Romans 8:29a)** God wants to take you from ugly to beautiful. God wants to take you from being just like every other human being to being like Him. He wants to recreate in you the image of Jesus Christ, the image of God. So let’s go now to 1 Samuel chapter 23, in verse 13. Now Saul is pursuing, and David is inquiring. Okay, David inquires of the Lord and you get the last message if you missed it. And if you missed it you need to get it. All right, verse 13, **“Then David and his men, about six hundred...” (1 Samuel 23:13a)** Now what we have just found out is the numbers of David’s men has increased. It started off with 400 men. Remember, men that were distressed and in debt and just having all sorts of problems in life and that were very unhappy, gathered around David after he fled from Saul. And so these became David’s men. He became the captain of 400 men and he became the example. And later on these men are going to be called valiant men, and that’s what you’re going to be called. You’re going to be called a valiant woman. You’re going to be called a valiant man. You’re going to be a valiant warrior of Jesus Christ if you’ll just hangeth thou in there O baby. So now in verse 13,

“Then David and his men, about six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah, and they went wherever they could go....” I mean they just started wandering in the wilderness. All right, **“...When it was told Saul that David had escaped from Keilah, he gave up the pursuit. [And] David stayed in the wilderness in the strongholds, and remained in the hill country [of] the wilderness of Ziph....” (13b-14a)** Now what you’re going to see as we go along in these next programs; you’re going to see he’s in this wilderness, he’s in this wilderness, he’s in this wilderness. Duh, he’s in the wilderness. And if you have ever been to the wilderness it is awesome. I stand there and it’s breathtaking to look at that wilderness. But to live in the wilderness is another thing. I mean there’s only green vegetation where the wadis are. And the wadis are when the water eventually comes through the hills of Judea and down toward the Dead Sea and Gedi and Masada and all those places. It says, **“...And Saul sought him everyday....” (23:14b)** I mean he has this man nipping at his heels, pursuing him. He’s wandering. He’s going here. It’s not only David he’s got to take care of; he’s got 600 men that David is responsible for. And he’s got their wives and he’s got their kids. I mean these are not 600 single guys, okay. And it says, **“...[he] sought him everyday, but God did not deliver him into his, [David’s], hand.” (23:14b)** Now in the margin of your study book that you’ve downloaded, you’ve gone to preceptsforlife.com. You say, “I haven’t gone there. Is it worth it, cause you’re on 1 Samuel 24?” Of course it’s worth it. I mean wherever you start is worth it. God’s going to speak to you. So go to preceptsforlife.com and download the study guide. All right now, this is what he says, **“...But God did not deliver him into his hand.”** So in the margin I want you to put a triangle because that’s our symbol for God and I want you to write God’s deliverance. Now where is he? He’s in a wilderness. What is he in? He’s in a difficult situation. He is in a trial. He is in a testing. And Saul is just pursuing him and pursuing him, trying to kill him. So he’s in a difficult situation. **“Now David became aware that Saul**

had come out to seek his life while David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh. And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David at Horesh, and encouraged him in God.” (23:15-16) You know what? God's brought me and you together today to encourage you in God. Here is His beloved, beloved covenant partner, his covenant friend. You know what it's like when somebody shows up on your doorstep and you love them dearly and they understand the trial and they understand the horrible marriage you're in or the problems with your kids or the financial stuff that you're going through and they show up at your door; you open the door or you pick up the phone and there they are and you are thrilled to death. And this is what Jonathan **“...encouraged [David] in God.” (23:16b)** Now he didn't encourage David to go get his father and kill him. He didn't encourage David to do anything wrong. He encouraged David to be steadfast in God. If you have a friend that shows up at the door and even if they bear the name Christian, and says, “Listen, get out of that marriage.” Now there are times when you have to remove yourself from a marriage, if there is violence against you, if there is violence against your child, then you have to remove yourself from that marriage and you have to protect. But I'm just talking about; this is a hard person to live with. This is a person that is mean, is verbally just constantly na-na-na-na, at you and things like that. I'm not talking about a life and death and I'm not talking about a physical situation. But if they come and say, “Hey, you know you've been waiting for years and it hasn't happened.” Listen Beloved, you keep waiting. Listen to verse 17. **“[And] he said to him, ‘Do not be afraid, because the hand of Saul my father will not find you....’** “He's searching for you, but he will not find you.” **“...And you will be king over Israel and I will be next to you; and Saul my father knows that also.” (23:17)** He says, [“Be encouraged, you will be king.”] And God is saying to you today, be encouraged, you will be a kingdom of priests unto God, and you will rule and you will reign with Him. Be encouraged.