

**A Season of Transformation**  
**Sermon Outline**  
**January 20, 2019**

Text – **I Sam 21: 1-2, 8-10**

Reading Schedule:

<b>Sunday</b>	1/13	<i>Proverbs Ch. 13; I Samuel 21: 1-14</i>
<b>Monday</b>	1/14	<i>Proverbs Ch. 14; I Samuel 20: 1-23</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	1/15	<i>Proverbs Ch. 15; I Samuel 20: 24-42</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	1/16	<i>Proverbs Ch. 16; I Samuel 19: 1-24</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	1/17	<i>Proverbs Ch. 17; Psalm 18: 1-24</i>
<b>Friday</b>	1/18	<i>Proverbs Ch. 18; Psalm 57: 1-11; Psalm 59: 1-17</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	1/19	<i>Proverbs Ch. 19; Psalm 63: 1-11; Psalm 70: 1-5; Psalm 142: 1-7</i>

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<sup>2</sup>*David answered Ahimelek the priest, “The king sent me on a mission and said to me, ‘No one is to know anything about the mission I am sending you on.’ As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place.*

<sup>8</sup>*David asked Ahimelek, “Don’t you have a spear or a sword here? I haven’t brought my sword or any other weapon, because the king’s mission was urgent.”*

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*David said, “There is none like it; give it to me.”*

<sup>10</sup>*That day David fled from Saul and went<sup>(N)</sup> to Achish king of Gath.*

**TRANSFORMATION IS THE GRACE OF GOD THAT MEETS ME WHERE I AM TO GIVE ME WHAT I NEED TO BE WHO GOD CREATED ME TO BE!**

Background of David's success. Now fleeing from Saul who in jealousy wants to kill him. Everything in David's life was like a dream come true. He killed Goliath. He had the favor of the king. He is married to the king's beautiful daughter. He had an army at his command. Folk were singing songs about him!

And now, the king is trying to kill him. The mighty and brave warrior is on the run. His army is no longer surrounding him. There are no songs, no dancing, no praise for his exploits – just fear, loneliness, confusion, fatigue. He runs to someone who he believes will help, and now he's being asked questions!

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2. **PRINCIPLE #1 – FAITH IS SEEING GOD'S GRACE (unmerited, unearned, undeserved favor toward me) FOR MY CIRCUMSTANCES AND ACTING ON IT!**
  - a. Why are you alone? Why is no one with you? What is going on with you? How did you get in this situation? How did this happen?
  - b. People want you to answer for the reason for your circumstances, but you don't understand them, and you try to smoke screen your way through for the benefit of others.
    - i. Don't do it! Don't keep rehearsing your problems
    - ii. What do you do when you don't have the answers?

- iii. David **kept reminding himself of God's grace for his circumstances!** (David wrote six Psalms while Saul was attempting to kill him.)
- iv. **Psalm 57: 1, 7-11** – Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me,  
     for in you I take refuge.<sup>(C)</sup>  
 I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings<sup>(D)</sup>  
     until the disaster has passed.  
<sup>7</sup>My heart, O God, is steadfast,  
     my heart is steadfast;<sup>(Q)</sup>  
     I will sing and make music.  
<sup>8</sup>Awake, my soul!  
     Awake, harp and lyre!<sup>(R)</sup>  
     I will awaken the dawn.
- v. <sup>9</sup>I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;  
     I will sing of you among the peoples.  
<sup>10</sup>For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;  
     your faithfulness reaches to the skies.<sup>(S)</sup>
- vi. <sup>11</sup>Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;<sup>(T)</sup>  
     let your glory be over all the earth.<sup>(U)</sup>

**c. How do you remind yourself of God's grace for your circumstances?**

**d. Worship and wait! Worship and wait!**

- i. David waited and worshipped as he fled for his life from king Saul.
- ii. David waited and worshipped hiding in the cave of Adullam.
- iii. David waited and worshipped hiding behind a rock in an open field.

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David said, “There is none like it; give it to me.”
  - e. All that David once knew to be true was crumbling.
  - f. His master, Saul is trying to kill him.
  - g. He is alone with no army.
  - h. He has no weapon. A warrior without a weapon.
    - i. Depend on.
    - ii. Expert at.
    - iii. 1st resort or last resort.
    - iv. It's become natural to you.
    - v. It's now snatched from your hand.
  - i. **When your circumstances lead you question**, “Has God abandoned me? What have I done wrong Lord? Have I lost favor in your sight?”
  - j. You're not abandoned, you're in your season of transformation!
  - k. **PRINCIPLE #2 – THE HANDS OF GOD DO NOT DRIVE YOU INTO DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES DRIVE YOU INTO THE HANDS OF GOD!**

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  - m. God meets him there with Ahimelek, the priest.
    - vi. The sword of Goliath - God's reminder that just as I was with you before you carried a sword, I am with you now!
    - vii. God is saying, “While I know you’re tired, but don’t quit!”
    - viii. **PRINCIPLE #4 – Being tired is a temporary condition. Quitting is permanent! DON'T QUIT!**
  - n. IT'S MY SEASON!!!!
    - ix. People around you don't understand you! IT'S MY SEASON!
    - x. You're acting different, suddenly. IT'S MY SEASON!
    - xi. You don't understand the changes in your circumstances. IT'S MY SEASON!
    - xii. Why doesn't what I've always done work for me now? IT'S MY SEASON!
    - xiii. The people who were once around me seem so distant now. IT'S MY SEASON!
    - xiv. I feel abandoned and alone. IT'S MY SEASON!
    - xv. Is it something I said or did to cause this? IT'S MY SEASON!
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