



# not what i planned!!!

## Where to Run?

Journey with Jesus: Luke 13:31-15:32  
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### What accompanies refuge in God?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ comes with refuge in God.

1 Samuel 27:1-4

a) Be prepared for \_\_\_\_\_. 27:2

2. \_\_\_\_\_ comes with refuge in God.

1 Samuel 27:5-6

a) Be accepting of \_\_\_\_\_. 27:6

3. \_\_\_\_\_ comes with refuge in God.

1 Samuel 27:17-11

a) Be committed to your \_\_\_\_\_. 27:8

### Take Home Truth

There is \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Almighty. 1 Samuel 27:12

#### Today's Core Virtue:

**Faith:** "Being sure of what I hope and certain of what I do not see, I exhibit faith that pleases God." (from Hebrews 11:1, 6)

#### Today's Action:

Are you weary, in need of refuge? Take time this week to sit alone with God. Share your sorrows and your burdens and take a nap if need be!

hand in hand



verse by verse

## Deeper Connection Study

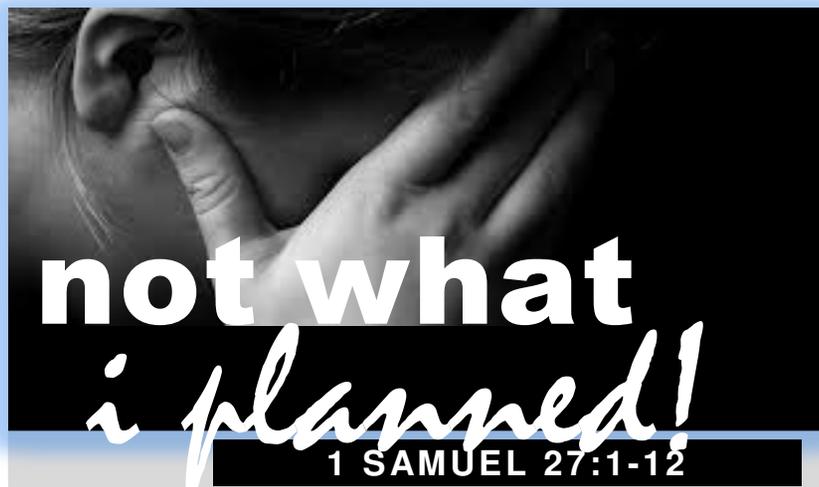
This is the beginning of a five-chapter narrative of David's activities in Philistia. While still hiding from Saul, David is able to fight against Israel's enemy and also gain support that will later prove politically beneficial.

*Today's Core Virtue discussed: Peace.*

### Read 1 Samuel 27

1. Why was David afraid (v. 1)? Did he have reason to fear? Why (cf. Ps. 27:1)? During this situation, did David inquire of the Lord (cf. Ps. 34:4)? What changed? Where was his trust (compare with Ps. 143)?
2. What did David already know about his future (cf. 16:12-13; 24:20; 25:28-31; 26:25)?
3. Can God be trusted to fulfill His promises (Josh. 1:9; Jer. 29:11)? How has he proven trustworthy to you?
4. What relationship did David have with Achish (vv. 5, 12)? What city was given by the Philistine king to David (v. 6)? How long did he stay there (v. 7)? What did David and his men do in the Negev all this time (vv. 8-11)? Were they supposed to do those things? How do you think God viewed it?
5. What happens when we try to operate outside of what God wants? Why do we tend to follow our own way (cf. Prov. 3:5-6)?
6. Why is total trust in God's sovereignty and grace so essential to how we live our lives? How are you growing in wholeheartedly trusting God in all things?

**PRAYER TO THE POINT:** Praise God for his guidance and care. Pray for discernment and courage to act rightly according to God's will. Ask God to help you live with a passionate purpose to glorify him in all things.



Whether it is stress from the daily grind or the burden of a major crisis, at one time or another everyone needs a break. The question is when and where does that needed break come from?

For some it is found in numbing the pain that accompanies stress with narcotics or alcohol. For others it comes through bingeing on Netflix or Facebook stalking. Either way everyone has their preferred way of escaping from their undesirable circumstance.

It shouldn't be a surprise that God has a plan for those who need a break and want to escape. The question is what is that plan and what accompanies the refuge of God? In chapter 27 David has reached his limit with Saul. After his last confrontation with the King, David decided to flee from any further encounters with his nemesis. His ultimate refuge ends up being a surprising location. Was it the will of God for him to run to Philistia? Would he find God's protection and provision there? Once again David's predicament is relevant to our plight and our need for rest from our proverbial King Saul.