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Man on the Run
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1 Samuel 21:1-4

Then David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech came to meet David, trembling, and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no one with you?" 2 And David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has charged me with a matter and said to me, 'Let no one know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you.' I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. 3 Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here." 4 And the priest answered David, "I have no common bread on hand, but there is holy bread

1 Samuel 23:11-13

Will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? O Lord, the God of Israel, please tell your servant." And the Lord said, "He will come down." 12 Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah surrender me and my men into the hand of Saul?" And the Lord said, "They will surrender you." 13 Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, arose and departed from Keilah, and they went wherever they could go.

1. Prayer for Personal Guidance

Difficult decisions require dedicated prayer

"Prayer is one half of our ministry, and it gives the other half all its power and success." Charles Bridges

We cannot become the church God has called us to be until we pray like God has called us to pray.

Prayer Tips:

1. Schedule Your Times of Prayer
2. Pray Scripture
3. Pray Immediately

1 Samuel 23:16-17

16 And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. 17 And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this."

2. A Person for Personal Encouragement

The encouragement of God, comes through the word of God, oftentimes through the people of God.

“When a friend is in trouble, don’t annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do. Think up something appropriate and do it.” Edgar Watson Howe

1 Samuel 23:27-29

27 a messenger came to Saul, saying, “Hurry and come, for the Philistines have made a raid against the land.” 28 So Saul returned from pursuing after David and went against the Philistines. Therefore that place was called the Rock of Escape. 29 And David went up from there and lived in the strongholds of Engedi.

3. Providence for Personal Protection

1 Corinthians 10:13

13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.