

## FINISHING WELL

Quick review:

- 1). David lost his job in Saul's army
- 2). David lost his wife
- 3). David lost his mentor
- 4). David lost his best friend
- 5). David lost his self-respect

### QUESTION: What Prevents us from Finishing Well?

#### Shift #1: Self-Reliance

1 Sam 27:1a (NIV) *But David thought to himself*

#### Shift #2: Pessimism

1 Samuel 27:1b (NIV) *One of these days I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul.*

#### Shift #3: Rational Logic

1 Samuel 27:1c (NIV) *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*

*<sup>2</sup> So David and the six hundred men with him left and went over to Achish son of Maok king of Gath. <sup>3</sup> David and his men settled in Gath with Achish. Each man had his family with him, and David had his two wives: Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail of Carmel, the widow of Nabal.*

*<sup>4</sup> When Saul was told that David had fled to Gath, he no longer searched for him.*

*<sup>5</sup> Then David said to Achish, "If I have found favor in your eyes, let a place be assigned to me in one of the country towns, that I may live there. Why should your servant live in the royal city with you?"*

<sup>6</sup> So on that day Achish gave him Ziklag, and it has belonged to the kings of Judah ever since.  
<sup>7</sup> David lived in Philistine territory a year and four months.

## **Are you drifting away from God today?**

<sup>12</sup> Achish trusted David and said to himself, “He has become so obnoxious to his people, the Israelites, that he will be my servant for life.”

### **David had 3 main consequences:**

#### **1). David loses his Identity**

1 Samuel 29:6 (NIV) 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 the army. From the day you came to me until today, I have found no fault in you, but the rulers don’t approve of you.  
<sup>7</sup> Now turn back and go in peace; do nothing to displease the Philistine rulers.”

#### **2). David loses his Satisfaction**

1 Samuel 29:6 (NIV) 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 the army. From the day you came to me until today, I have found no fault in you, but the rulers don’t approve of you.  
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#### **3). David becomes Miserable**

1 Samuel 30:1 (NIV) David and his men reached Ziklag on the third day. Now the Amalekites had raided the Negev and Ziklag. They had attacked Ziklag and burned it, <sup>2</sup> and had taken captive the women and everyone else in it, both young and old. They killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way.<sup>3</sup> When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. <sup>4</sup> So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep. <sup>5</sup> David’s two wives had been captured— Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel. David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters.

1 Samuel 30:6 (NIV) But David found strength in the Lord his God.