



Title | In the Middle of the Mess
Series | Making a Difference in a Nation Adrift
Text | 1 Samuel 21:1-9
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Sermon Notes

1 Samuel 21:1 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—if the young men have kept themselves from women.” **5** And David answered the priest, “Truly women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition. The vessels of the young men are holy even when it is an ordinary journey. How much more today will their vessels be holy?” **6** So the priest gave him the holy bread, for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the LORD, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away. **7** Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD. His name was Doeg the Edomite, the chief of Saul’s herdsmen. **8** Then David said to Ahimelech, “Then have you not here a spear or a sword at hand? For I have brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king’s business required haste.” **9** And the priest said, “The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you struck down in the Valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take that, take it, for there is none but that here.” And David said, “There is none like that; give it to me.” *ESV*

Big Idea:

Psalm 36:5 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 1 Samuel 21:1-9. Do you think David was justified in lying to Ahimelech? Why or why not?

Tuesday:

Read 1 Samuel 22:6-23. What happens as a result of David's lie? How does David feel about it? Is there a lesson to be learned here?

Wednesday:

Read 1 Kings 2:26-27. Abiathar is a descendant of Ahimelech, who is a descendant of Eli. The word of the Lord concerning the house of Eli is recorded in 1 Samuel 2:27-34. How is the death of Ahimelech and his family in 1 Samuel 22:6-13 a sign of God's faithfulness?

Thursday:

Read Lamentations 3:22-23. What difference does God's faithfulness make in your life?

Friday:

Read Psalm 36:5. How can you cultivate a greater appreciation of God's faithfulness in your life?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you that, in the middle of my messes, you are always faithful.
Amen.

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