



Title | Madman Drooling
Series | Making a Difference in a Nation Adrift
Text | 1 Samuel 21:10-15
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Sermon Notes

1 Samuel 21:10 And David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath.
11 And the servants of Achish said to him, “Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances, ‘Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands’?” 12 And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath. 13 So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard. 14 Then Achish said to his servants, “Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? 15 Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?” ESV

Big Idea:

Psalm 56:8 You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book? ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 1 Samuel 21:10-15. What circumstances prompted David to flee from Saul? How could David, a hero of Israel, offer himself in service to an archenemy? Consider the losses David had previously experienced. He lost his job as a soldier for his country. He lost his wife, Michal. He lost his godly counselor, Samuel. And he lost his best friend, Jonathan. What had David done to deserve these losses? How might these losses affect David's view of God? How have undeserved personal losses affected your view of God?

Tuesday:

Read 1 Samuel 16:1, 11-13; 20:13-15. Leading up to the events of 1 Samuel 21:10-15, David has likely put together, from Samuel's anointing in 1 Samuel 16 and Jonathan's assertion in 1 Samuel 20, that they expect him to be Israel's next king. And in 1 Samuel 21:11, the Philistines call David "the king of the land." In that moment, how do you think David felt about the likelihood of becoming king? Are there some promises in God's word that are hard to believe given the hardships you face?

Wednesday:

In 1 Samuel 13:14, David is described as a man after God's own heart. How do you reconcile this with the foolish decisions he made in 1 Samuel 21:10-15? What does this suggest for those of us who stumble badly?

Thursday:

Read Psalm 34. From David's song, identify some helpful principles that came to him in the aftermath of the events of 1 Samuel 21:10-15. How can you apply these to your own life?

Friday:

Read Psalm 56. From David's song, identify some helpful principles that came to him in the aftermath of the events of 1 Samuel 21:10-15. How can you apply these to your own life?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you that, regardless of my circumstances and failings, you are near me and for me. Amen.

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