



**Title** | On Being Saved Again  
**Series** | Making a Difference in a Nation Adrift  
**Text** | 1 Samuel 29:1-11  
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# Sermon Notes

1 Samuel 29:1 Now the Philistines had gathered all their forces at Aphek. And the Israelites were encamped by the spring that is in Jezreel. 2 As the lords of the Philistines were passing on by hundreds and by thousands, and David and his men were passing on in the rear with Achish, 3 the commanders of the Philistines said, "What are these Hebrews doing here?" And Achish said to the commanders of the Philistines, "Is this not David, the servant of Saul, king of Israel, who has been with me now for days and years, and since he deserted to me I have found no fault in him to this day." 4 But the commanders of the Philistines were angry with him. And the commanders of the Philistines said to him, "Send the man back, that he may return to the place to which you have assigned him. He shall not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an adversary to us. For how could this fellow reconcile himself to his lord? Would it not be with the heads of the men here? 5 Is not this David, of whom they sing to one another in dances, 'Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands'?" 6 Then Achish called David and said to him, "As the LORD lives, you have been honest, and to me it seems right that you should march out and in with me in the campaign. For I have found nothing wrong in you from the day of your coming to me to this day. Nevertheless, the lords do not approve of you. 7 So go back now; and go peaceably, that you may not displease the lords of the Philistines." 8 And David said to Achish, "But what have I done? What have you found in your servant from the day I entered your service until now, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?" 9 And Achish answered David and said, "I know that you are as blameless in my sight as an angel of God. Nevertheless, the commanders of the Philistines have said, 'He shall not go up with us to the battle.' 10 Now then rise early in the morning with the servants of your lord who came with you, and start early in the morning, and depart as soon as you have light." 11 So David set out with his men early in the morning to return to the land of the Philistines. But the Philistines went up to Jezreel. ESV

## Big Idea:

Psalm 32:7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah. ESV

## For Reflection and Application:

### Monday:

Read 1 Samuel 29:1-2. How do you think David felt about the prospect of fighting against his own people, the Israelites? Who is responsible for David's dilemma? What options does David have? Can you think of a personal dilemma of your own doing?

### Tuesday:

Read 1 Samuel 29:3-7. Why are the Philistine commanders upset and concerned? What does Achish do in response? How is David saved in this situation? Who is orchestrating David's salvation and why?

### Wednesday:

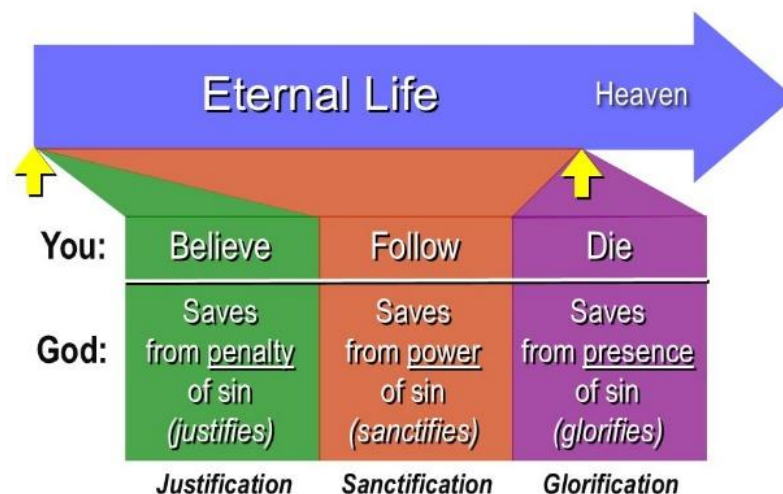
Read 1 Samuel 29:8-11. Why does David act as though he is disappointed? What do you think he actually feels? Can you think of a time when you have been liberated from a dilemma of your own doing? How did you feel?

### Thursday:

Read Psalm 32, written by David. Identify the parts that seem to relate in some way to the story in 1 Samuel 29. What parts can you apply to yourself?

### Friday:

Take some time to reflect on the ways that God has saved you again and again. How should you respond?



### Daily Prayer:

Lord, you are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of  
deliverance. I am so grateful. Amen.

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