

SEEKING A LIFE WITH A HEART FOR GOD—6

“The Foe of a Champion”

Selected Passages in 1 Samuel 18--22

Introduction. _____

I. FIRST, IN COLLECTING INFORMATION FROM THESE CHAPTERS, A REVERSAL IN DAVID’S LIFE IS EXPERIENCED.

- David lost his *military position*.
- David lost his *wife*.
- David lost his *spiritual mentor*, Samuel.
- David lost his *friend*, Jonathan.

- A. First, he became afraid of Saul, so he *ran*.
- B. Secondly, he was afraid the priest would not help him, so he *lied*.
- C. Thirdly, he was afraid that King Achish might take his life, so he acted like he was *insane*.

II. SECONDLY, IN COLLATING INFORMATION FROM THESE CHAPTERS, THE BENEFITS OF BROKENNESS ARE EXPOSED.

- A. First, notice how God *provided* for David [1 Samuel 22:1].

1. First God provided David with *reconciliation* with his family [22:1].
2. Secondly, God provided David with the opportunity to *relieve* needy people as he ministers to them.

B. Secondly, note how God _____ David for the throne.

1. First, David _____ the effects of cruel leadership.
2. Secondly, David _____ his leadership skills necessary to lead a nation.
3. Thirdly, David _____ loyal friendships that lasted a lifetime.

III. THIRLDY, IN CRYSTALLIZING THE INFORMATION IN THESE CHAPTERS, SOME VITAL LESSONS ARE _____.

- A. First, waiting on the Lord is not the _____, it is the _____.
- B. Secondly, dark _____ (the cave) have an incredible way of forming deep, godly character.