

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.

May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thess. 5:23

I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind.

I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always.

1 Samuel 2:35

# FAITHFUL MEN

1 Samuel 21

WEEK #: 16

Men, have you ever found yourself retreating from something and as a result it caused you to choose unhealthy ways to cope? As men we can find ourselves being led by fear and desperation toward areas of destruction. In 1 Samuel 21 we find David on the run from Saul. In his desperation to stay alive he makes some pretty unwise choices. He begins to look for his safety and answers apart from the Lord. Not only does he eat the bread of presence, a big no-no in God's world, but he also escapes to Goliath's hometown, yes that same Goliath and takes the sword of the giant he defeated. He takes the very thing he was called to defeat and uses it for protection! We all have swords, good and bad, that we return to in order to escape.

1. What is your sword? Where do you go to cope or escape fear?
2. Are your swords leading you toward a path of destruction or path of spiritual growth?
3. God provides us with swords to fight, whether it is the Scripture, prayer, accountability, fasting or worship. Which of the following areas do you need do pick up and fight with? What is holding you back from embracing God's swords?

As Faithful Men we have a calling to not only lead our homes, families, businesses, and communities but also a call to lead through the difficult times. We are called to be "faithful" to the God who provides us with a savior and a heavenly reward. We are called to use the swords God provides to fight against fear and desperation.

You're doing great! Keep peeling back the onion and exposing your heart to God's grace, healing and leadership.

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