

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 27

WEEK #: 20

Men, how many times have you found yourself creating your own future? We all have a tendency to write out our future depending on the situation or circumstances. We usually write out these futures in times of stress, hardship or potential loss. Have you ever found yourself thinking the following; "I will never be successful." "My son will never get his life together." "My wife will never understand me." These are just a few of the futures we create in our minds.

So I have question for you:

Do you seek comfort in the promises of the world
or in the promises of God?

In 1 Samuel 27 we see David continuing to run from Saul. At this moment he seeks refuge among the Philistines, the very people of Goliath, who years earlier David had killed. I actually want us to look at what led David toward his enemy. Look at the very first verse where David has a thought, "One of these days I will be destroyed by Saul." Here we find David writing his own future. David, a king anointed by God, has now begun to rely on the promises of the world, which promises his defeat, and not the promises of God, his anointing. The disciples experienced this very same thing in Gospel accounts of their time with Jesus in a boat during a storm. They begin to write their future, certain and immediate death, in the very presence of the ONE who could save them.

The world promises certain death and defeat in most situations however God promises life, healing, hope and joy in ALL situations. Which promise sounds better to you?

1. In what areas of your life have you written a "worldly" future of death and despair?
2. What leads us to trust in our own self - conceived futures as opposed to the futures God has prepared in advance for us?
3. If you were to "tear up" one of your own created futures today where would you start? How can you begin to trust in God's future for you and your family?

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 put away the thoughts that are writing our futures and pick up the mantle of Christ who, through His resurrection, changed our future forever.

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

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