



Sunday 19th November 2023
Worldly thinking for self-preservation (1 Samuel 27-28:2)

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Questions for our midweek discipleship groups and personal reflection

Have you ever woken up one day and doubted that God still cared about you or had a plan for your life? Are you still in that place or how did God help you to come through it?

1. Don't listen to your own solutions in times of trouble (27:1-4)

What is David's worry and what is his solution (v.1)?

What should he have done instead of listening to himself?

How did his poor decision affect more than just himself (v.2-3)? How is this the same with us?

What help do we need to stop us from wandering from God?

Who are you praying for at the moment who has walked away from Jesus?

2. See how our problems pile up when we walk away from God (27:5-28:2; 29:1-30:6a)

What did David do to win favour with Achish (v.8-12)? What awful things did he have to do in order to keep up his worldly plan of survival?

Why does one sin so easily lead to another sin, and grow and grow?

How does God intervene in chapter 29, showing that He has not left David, even though David doesn't acknowledge him yet?

Have you looked back and seen God's merciful intervention in your life when you've not deserved it?

3. Know that restoration in the LORD is always possible (30:6b-31)

David was at rock bottom in Chapter 30 – what did he finally do (v.6)?

Why can it take us such a long time for us to return to the Lord when we've walked away? What does it show about the patience and kindness of God that he welcomes us when we finally do?

How does God change our story from the one we're often telling ourselves?