

The Life of David, Part 2: Three Giants

1 Samuel 20:30–31

Saul's **anger** flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, "You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don't I know that you have sided with the **son of Jesse** to your own **shame** and to the shame of the mother who bore you?

As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither **you** nor **your kingdom** will be established. Now send someone to bring him to me, for he must die!"

1 Samuel 21:1–4, 6, 8–9

¹David went to **Nob**, to Ahimelek the **priest**. Ahimelek **trembled** when he met him, and asked, "Why are you **alone**? Why is no one with you?"

David answered Ahimelek the priest, "**The king** sent me on a mission and said to me, 'No one is to know anything about the mission I am sending you on.' As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a **certain place**."

Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me **five loaves of bread**, or whatever you can find."

But the priest answered David, "I don't have any **ordinary** bread on hand; however, there is some **consecrated** bread here—provided the men have kept themselves from women."

So the priest gave him the **consecrated** bread . . .

David asked Ahimelek, "Don't you have a spear or a **sword** here? I haven't brought my sword or any other weapon, because the king's mission was **urgent**."

The priest replied, "The sword of **Goliath** the Philistine, whom **you killed** in the Valley of Elah, is **here**; it is wrapped in a cloth behind the **ephod**. If you want it, **take** it; there is no sword here but that one." David said, "There is **none** like it; **give** it to me."

1 Samuel 22:10–11, 13–17

"Ahimelek inquired of the Lord for him; he also gave him **provisions** and the **sword** of Goliath the Philistine."

Then the king sent for the priest Ahimelek . . . and all the men of his family, who were the priests at Nob, and they all came to the king.

Saul said to him, "Why have you **conspired** against me, you and the son of Jesse, giving him bread and a sword and inquiring of God for him, so that he has rebelled against me and lies in wait for me, as he does today?"

Ahimelek answered the king, "Who of all your servants is as **loyal** as David, the king's son-in-law, captain of your bodyguard and **highly respected** in your household?

Was that day the first time I inquired of God for him? Of course not! Let not the king **accuse** your servant or any of his father's family, for your servant knows nothing at all about this whole affair."

But the king said, "You will surely die, Ahimelek, you and your whole family."

Then the king ordered the guards at his side: “Turn and kill the priests of the Lord, because they too have sided with David. They knew he was fleeing, yet they did not tell me.”

1 Samuel 22:22

“I am **responsible** for the death of your whole family.”

- **What** is your loneliness, anger, or fear causing you to **consider** that you didn’t **considered** before?
- **Who** is your loneliness, anger, or fear causing you to **consider** that you shouldn’t **consider**?
- **Who**, besides **you**, do your considerations put at risk?
- **What** advice would **you** give somebody who is **you**?

Psalm 9:9–10

The **Lord** is a **refuge** for the oppressed, a **stronghold** in times of trouble.

Those who know your name **trust** in **you**, for you, Lord, have **never forsaken** those who **seek** you.

Matthew 11:28–29

“Come **to me** all you who are **weary** and **burdened**, and I will give you **rest**. Take my **yoke** upon you and **learn** from me, for I am **gentle** and humble in heart, and you will find **rest** for your **souls**.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing you’ve learned from failing at something? Was suffering that failure worth the knowledge and wisdom you gained? Why or why not?
2. *“It’s easy to trust God when we have nothing to trust Him with and nothing to trust Him for.”* Do you agree? Why or why not?
3. Talk about a time when you made a decision motivated by anger, isolation, or fear. What were the consequences?
4. What is one area of life in which you are tempted to rely on your own talents, skills, and ingenuity rather than on God? What stands in the way of you relying on your heavenly Father in that area?

5. Read Psalm 9:9. Are the words of the psalm difficult for you to believe? Why or why not?
6. Read Matthew 11:28–29. What burden are you carrying right now? What is one thing you can do to find rest in God? How can those around you support you?

MOVING FORWARD

When your circumstances make you angry, isolated, or afraid, don't run from God. Remember His faithfulness. He has not forsaken you. Surrender your burden to Him. Let Him give you rest.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Psalm 9:9

"The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble."