

Bible Study on 1 Samuel
1 SAMUEL 27: DAVID SEEKS SAFETY WITH THE PHILISTINES

1. **1 Samuel 27.1-4. David seeks asylum among the Philistines so Saul will not pursue him**

2. **1 Samuel 27.5-7. Achish gave the town of Ziklag to David and his men**

3. **1 Samuel 27.8-12. David makes Achish think he is raiding and plundering Israelite cities**

4. **1 Samuel 28:1-2. Achish commissioned David to join him against Israel**

APPLICATION

1. “Notwithstanding how many times God had preserved him, David convinced himself that sooner or later Saul would succeed. He thought about negative possibilities rather than the certain promises of God” (*Reformation Heritage Bible*).

2. David’s decision “appeared from circumstances to be the right move. Saul no longer pursued him, and he was able to in kingdom work by fighting against the enemies of God’s people. But these ends did not justify the means. Just because something seems to work does not mean it is God’s will. It must always be God’s Word, rather than circumstances, that governs. We are to walk by faith, not sight” (*RHB*).

3. “Sometimes we put ourselves in certain difficult situations because of our sin, but that does not mean God cannot bring about good. We should not use that as an excuse for sin, but we must also remember that the Lord is big enough to bring good out of our mistakes” (*Table Talk*, May 2019, 49).

4. Compare David’s test of faith with Abraham’s test of faith. How were they different?