

“In Danger But Not Fearful”

1 Samuel 23

Purpose of 1 Samuel:

1. It enables us to get to know God better.
2. It provides us with a model of God's kind of person, namely David.

I. Dangerous Situation #1 (1-6)

A. Where did David encounter the danger? (1)

B. Who was the threat? (1-3)

1. The Philistines
2. David's men

C. How did David respond to the danger?

1. He inquired of the Lord (4).
2. He acted in obedience to the Lord (5).

II. Dangerous Situation #2 (7-13)

A. Where? (7)

B. Who was the threat?

1. Saul (7-8)
2. The citizens of Keilah (12)

C. How did David respond to the danger?

1. He called for the priest and the ephod (9).
2. He inquired of the Lord (10-12).
3. He left the city (13).

III. Dangerous Situation #3 (14-29)

A. Where? (14)

B. Who was the threat?

1. Saul (14)
2. The Ziphites (19-20)

C. How did David respond to the danger?

1. He took the defensive, and did all he could to avoid Saul (26).
2. He waited on God's intervention (27-28).
3. He went to a place of security (29).

Lessons:

- 1. David was a man who looked at obstacles as opportunities to glorify God. So must we.*
- 2. David's focus was not on getting rid of the trial, but on being God's kind of person in the midst of the trial. That must be our focus, too.*