

**WISDOM FROM GOD'S WORD**

*Lessons from Lives that Matter*

**Faith and Courage Renewed**

1 Samuel 27 - 30

**Truth:** Spiritual drought can be a blessing or a curse, depending on how we deal with it.

1. Steps that lead to spiritual drought . . . . . 1 Samuel 27:1

- You see your situation from the inside looking out, not from the inside looking up.
- You demonstrate no wisdom, and express no faith in God.
- Rather than rely on God, you resign yourself to fate.
- You rationalize your actions from feelings, not from faith.

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2. Lessons to be learned.

**Lesson 1:** If you are walking in step with the world, you are not walking in step with God. . . . . 1 Samuel 27:2-7

- Numbers 32:23
- Hosea 8:7
- 1 Samuel 15:22-23

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**Lesson 2:** Success in your own eyes and in the eyes of others does not mean success with God. . . . . 1 Samuel 27:7-12

- David did not consult God in anything he did.
- To the Lord he was a disobedient prodigal son.
- David tested God's love and faithfulness.

- Deuteronomy 6:16
- Matthew 4:7

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**Lesson 3:** Decisions we make in our own best interest often dishonor God and put others at risk . . . . . 1 Samuel 30:1-6<sup>c</sup>

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**Lesson 4:** Spiritual drought ends when we realize our sin, repent of it, and return to the Lord . . . . . 1 Samuel 30:6<sup>d</sup>-8

- Revelation 2:4-5
- Psalm 40:1-3
- Hebrews 4:16
- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Philippians 2:12-13

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**Lesson 5:** When God speaks to our situation, we must obey. . . . . 1 Samuel 30:9-20

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