

## *A HEART FOR GOD*

### LEARNING FROM THE LIFE AND POETRY OF DAVID, part 1

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#### **Read 1 Samuel 23-24**

1. In these chapters David is living as a fugitive. Why are David and his men hiding? In what kinds of places do they hide? (See 23:14, 24-29; 24:1-3.)
2. Where do David and Saul finally meet? (24:3-7) Is this a coincidence? Is anything that happens in life accidental?
3. How do David's men view Saul's presence in the cave? What does David do once Saul is in his power?
4. What do you think is the meaning of David's action? Why do you think he is conscience stricken?
5. Read 1 Samuel 24:8-22. During his time in the desert, who does David learn to trust?
6. Read Matthew 4:1-11. During his time in the desert, where does Jesus put his trust? Share your own experience of living in a "desert"—of living in a situation that's out of your control. How did God meet you in your desert?
7. How does Saul respond to David sparing his life? Have you ever received mercy? How did you respond?

## **Psalm 57**

8. Read Psalm 57. What does David ask God for in verse 1? How does the way David makes this request remind you of how Jesus spoke with God? (Hebrews 5:7)
  
9. What does David know about God that helps him as he faces trouble? How does this help you as you face trouble?
  
10. How does David describe his heart? (vs. 7) What comes from his heart? (vss. 7-11)
  
11. How would you describe your heart? What came out of your heart this week? Who changes the human heart? (Ezekiel 36:26; Galatians 4:6)
  
12. Describe a time when your heart was changed. How did that happen?