



Can You Hear Me Now?

The way we make decisions in life tells us a lot about the kind of faith we have in Jesus..What is your faith temperature?

David On the Run..

1 Samuel 23:1-2 (NLT) ¹One day news came to David that the Philistines were at Keilah stealing grain from the threshing floors. ²David asked the Lord, "Should I go and attack them?" "Yes, go and save Keilah," the Lord told him.

- The importance of being led by the Lord in all SITUATIONS.

David "A Man After God's Own Heart" Humbly Asks God for Direction..

1 Samuel 23:3-5 (NLT) ³But David's men said, "We're afraid even here in Judah. We certainly don't want to go to Keilah to fight the whole Philistine army!" ⁴So David asked the Lord again, and again the Lord replied, "Go down to Keilah, for I will help you conquer the Philistines." ⁵So David and his men went to Keilah. They slaughtered the Philistines and took all their livestock and rescued the people of Keilah.

- David wants to be sure and realizes he doesn't want to get this wrong. It's a sign of strength not weakness to look for confirmation. Living by FAITH not SIGHT.

King Saul's Spiritual Illusion..

1 Samuel 23:7-13a (NLT) ⁷Saul soon learned that David was at Keilah. "Good!" he exclaimed. "We've got him now! God has handed him over to me, for he has trapped himself in a walled town!" ⁸So Saul mobilized his entire army to march to Keilah and besiege David and his men. ⁹But David learned of Saul's plan and told Abiathar the priest to bring the ephod and ask the Lord what he should do. ¹⁰Then David prayed, "O Lord, God of Israel, I have heard that Saul is planning to come and destroy Keilah because I am here." ¹¹Will

the leaders of Keilah betray me to him? And will Saul actually come as I have heard? O Lord, God of Israel, please tell me." And the Lord said, "He will come." ¹²Again David asked, "Will the leaders of Keilah betray me and my men to Saul?" And the Lord replied, "Yes, they will betray you." ¹³So David and his men—about 600 of them now—left Keilah and began roaming the countryside.

- Wrong conclusions, seeking God, getting answers, taking action.

In today's church, we have a serious shortage of faith in a LIVING, SPEAKING God.

Additional Notes:

scriptures that relate

Monday: 1 Samuel 21
Tuesday: 1 Samuel 22

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 23
Thursday: 1 Samuel 24

Friday: 1 Samuel 25
Saturday: 1 Samuel 26

small groups—talk it over

1. What is your faith temperature?
2. What kind of decisions do you consult the Lord about?
3. How do you seek God's direction?
4. Why is there a shortage of faith around God still speaking today?
5. What will you do to hear God in some brand new ways?

pastor brian's prayer requests

Monday: Pray for God to give us wisdom to make right decisions.

Tuesday: Pray for God to give us ears to hear His still, small voice.

Wednesday: Pray for God to give us clear direction and a desire to be obedient.

Thursday: Pray for God to give us strength to see temptation clearly and handle it in His ways.

Friday: Pray for God to reveal His purposes and for us to accept and move forward with them.

Saturday: Pray for God to give us a hunger and thirst for more of Him.