

Pursuing God's Heart: For Cave-Dwellers Only

1 Samuel 22:1-5

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Where do you turn when the bottom drops out of your life?

Or when you face an issue that is embarrassing...maybe even scandalous? We've all felt hurt, been lonely, been misunderstood and misrepresented. In these times, who has our back?

Who stands in our corner? In 1 Samuel 22, we see David now reaching a time of deep discouragement in his life. His family, friends, and followers all walk away from him. He ends up in a cave, where he has no one to rely on. The crutches are removed. He's desperate. He needs a shelter.

A listener. Someone who understands. He needs a cave to duck into...

Big Idea: God is **present** in the Cave!

Here are some lessons learned from David's Cave-Dwelling:

- There is **pain** in the Cave (verse 1a).
God was not destroying or disciplining David.
He was developing David. Psalm 142:1-4
- The Cave is not meant to be lived in **alone**. (verses 1b-2)
Besides David's immediate family ...
look who surrounded him:
"in distress" "in debt" "discontented"
- The Cave draws us into an **intimacy** with God. (verse 3)
- The Cave helps us to focus our **priorities**. (verses 3-4a)
Psalm 39:7 Lamentations 3:22-23 Psalm 46:1

Why did such a major change take place in David's life and attitude?

- David hurt enough to admit his need.
- He was honest enough to cry for help.
- He was humble enough to learn from God.

**If you are in a Cave, do not forget:
God is present in the Cave!**

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