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Rolling Roads Baptist Church

LOOKING OVER JORDAN

Angel Studios is a movie making studio that has become popular with church going people. Not that long ago we all went to see their popular movie "David." It is an engaging animated musical adaptation of the early life of King David of Israel. It is really something to see. You and I, since we read the Bible first hand, know that the story of David isn't just for children!



In 1 Samuel 22, David is at a crisis point in his life. David departs and escapes to the cave of Adullam. He could be lacking faith and calling God's promises into question, but it doesn't look like it to me! Even though these were dark days, it appears that David was seeking the Lord during this entire period of his life. This was an inspiration to many others.

In the years before he became King, David had been fleeing from Saul, the jealous insane sinning King of Israel who wanted his life. David also fled away from Gath, the home of Goliath. David had been on the run from the law, after being a great hero in Israel.

When David's family heard of his situation, his brothers and all his father's household went down there to him. They too, were in danger from King Saul's wrath upon David.

So David was at first by himself, or in a very small group. But then his close relations joined him, and his group grew at the cave of Adullam. But that's not all. We read that more than family and friends came to David. "Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him." (1 Samuel 22:2)

There were a variety of reasons why people came to David. These reasons are well-alliterated for a sermon: Distress, Debt, Discontent. What do all these people need? They were facing hopelessness, and so they gravitated to hope. What was it about David's situation

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- 1 SAMUEL 22:2

BIRTHDAYS

CRAIG DAVIS
AUG 2
JOEY YOUNG
AUG 6



*Trust is the only
safe ground to
stand upon.*
Elizabeth Cady
Stanton

*Jesus answered,
"I am the way
and the truth
and the life."*

John 14:6



Financial Report
JUNE
Income: \$6082
Expense: \$6458



During August, would you consider giving to our local Piedmont Baptist Association as they work to promote church planting and help local churches grow on mission for Jesus?

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International Fellowship which ministers to college students.

GC Jail Ministry

Glenwood community children's weekly ministry.

Piedmont Serve Program

Please mark your envelopes/checks—
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POTLUCK / COVERED DISH

Two names for the same communal meal event. The primary difference is regional and traditional phrasing.

POTLUCK: Widely used across the U.S. and globally to describe a shared meal where everyone contributes a random or coordinated dish.

COVERED DISH: A traditional term, especially common in the American South and Midwest, referencing the literal lid or foil cover used to transport the cooked food.

Whichever you choose...
we're having one on
August 30!



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that gave them hope? It was the promise of God, that David was God's anointed one.

Because all these people came to him, he who was once nearly alone became chieftain over 400 men. That is more men than are in our church at present! Imagine how it must have been for David and his family, to see a gathering of people looking for hope in the promises of God.

Abiathar came to David at the end of Chapter 22. In 1 Samuel 22:20-23, we see Abiathar expressing his fear and dread. It grieved David to realize how his visit to the priests to inquire of the Lord had such horrible results for the priests. But this doesn't cause David's faith to waver. David tells Abiathar, "stay with me; do not fear...you are safe with me." David kept his faith in God's promises, giving hope to all who saw him.

The scenes in the movie "David" that portray his time at Adullam, his wanderings through the wilderness, and his survival in the strongholds near the Dead Sea serve as a vivid, inspiring reminder for us today. When we meditate on these scriptures, we learn that we are never truly alone in the Kingdom of God. His promises remain unshakeable, rooted in His Covenant. His promises are true, and are the place of safety for our lives.

Happy Because of Jesus,

Pastor James

HOLDING
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EVERYDAY.