**1 Samuel 21**

**Main: Fear destroys faith**

**1 Samuel 21:1-3**

* **All the protection David has seen now fades from his thinking and now fear leads David to rely on himself and lie to protect himself.**
* **It is very common in times of stress to allow ourselves to be overcome by fear and turn to ourselves instead of the Lord.**
* **The reality is that we often feel God either can’t or won’t handle some situations.**

**1 Samuel 21:4-5**

* **Genuine spirituality now gives way to outward religious practice.**
* **When fear wins, we may become more concerned about appearing religious than being spiritual.**

**1 Samuel 21:6-7**

* **David’s lack of perception causes him to not notice Doeg’s presence; fear causes us to lose perception.**
* **Trusting others too much can be a big mistake! John 2:24-25**

**1 Samuel 21:8-9**

* **David almost treats Goliath’s sword with awe.**
* **What is now so impressive couldn’t save a ten-foot giant from a man with faith, a sling, and a rock.**

**1 Samuel 21:10-12**

* **David now seeks protection from a man whose greatest warrior he defeated and whose armies were not a problem when he walked with God.**
* **Now, that same God is not able to protect David? Fear gives faith a short memory.**
* **When our emotions overtake us, it is common to doubt God and rely on our ability to control the situation.**

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**Psalm 56; 1 Samuel 21:13-15**

* **The fear in the mightiest warrior in these two nations has reduced him to acting crazy.**
* **When our fears control us, we often act foolishly.**
* **Fear causes us to not act ourselves.**
* **David played his role well. Achish didn’t even want him around.**
* **It is our purpose to live lives that draw people to the only God who can save them, not act worse than them.**
* **Even people who are usually spiritual fall into periods of carnality and inconsistency; fear can provoke that.**

**Psalm 34**

**Psalm 34 indicates that, when David got his focus back again, he began to heal and recover. That’s true with us, too.**

**1 Peter 3:10-12**

**God’s open eyes = Our protection; God’s open ears = Our provision**

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