

WILDERNESS

MEETING GOD THROUGH DIFFICULT SEASONS

DAVID: GOD OUR GREATEST NEED

Psalm 63

David

- Introduced in 1 Samuel 16
- Saul is the first king of Israel
- Started out strong; known for being tall, handsome, well-liked
- 1 Samuel 15:11: “I am very sad I have made Saul king. He has turned away from me. He has not done what I directed him to do.”

David

- 1 Samuel 16: Samuel is to anoint the next king
- Jesse in Bethlehem, farmer and shepherd
- “Do not consider how handsome or tall he is. I have not chosen him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outside of a person. But the LORD looks at what is in the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)

David

- David is a shepherd
- wilderness has literally been part of his formation already
- Relies on God’s faithfulness
- God chooses David because of his heart

David

- **Soothes Saul with music (1 Samuel 16)**
- **Faces and defeats Goliath, leads a defeat against the Philistines (1 Samuel 17)**
- **Friends with Jonathan, inner-circle of the monarchy (1 Samuel 18)**
- **King Saul fears David**
 - **Attempts to kill David (1 Samuel 19)**

David's Wilderness Wanderings

- **1 Samuel 22-26**
- **1 Samuel 22:1: David escapes Saul, is in "the cave of Adullam"**

Psalm 13

1 How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

**2 How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?**

3 Look on me and answer, Lord my God.

**Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
4 and my enemy will say, "I have overcome
him,"**

and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

Psalm 13

**5 But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.**

**6 I will sing the Lord's praise,
for he has been good to me.**

Mark 9: Jesus ministry/healing

- **Man to Jesus: “if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.” (v.22)**
- **Jesus: ““If you can’?... Everything is possible for one who believes.” (v.23)**
- **“I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” (v.24)**

Psalm 63: of David

- **“When he was in the Desert of Judah.”**
- **1 Samuel 22-26: On the run from King Saul, or...**
- **2 Samuel 15-16: Flees into the wilderness when Absalom stages a massive coup**
 - **Due to David’s sinful choices**

Psalm 63: of David

- **1 You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.**

Psalm 63: of David

- **3 Because your love is better than life,**
- **5 I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;**
- **8 I cling to you;
your right hand upholds me.**

Psalm 63: of David

- **4 I will praise you as long as I live... 5 I will be fully satisfied**
- **David lived enough to know that God is truly his greatest need**

Psalm 63: of David

- ***Encampment: Resistance, Grace and an Unhoused Community* by Maggie Helwig**
- **“complex ecosystems that require constant attention to detail, constant awareness, the learning of the specific truths of where you are...”**
- **“In the Bible, the wilderness... is the place you go to have your defences stripped away. It is the place you go to be remade by God...”**

Takeaways

1. **Our greatest need, is God.**

Takeaways

- **David is known as “a man after God’s own heart”**
 - **David consistently seeks after God**
2. **No matter the season we are in, our posture should be that of seeking God.**