

1 Samuel 27:1-12 (3/16/2025)

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ 1 Samuel 27:1-12

1. What do you think of this statement: "Our fears are a window into our heart... Our fears show us what we love most."

If this is true, What do your fears reveal that you love most?

2. Some suggest that our Fears can also reveal areas where we have Doubts... That is, that we fear because we doubt that God can or will provide... or protect... or deliver... or work... What do you think of this idea?

Can you see any correlations between your Fears and some area of Doubt toward God?

3. What was David's Fear, and How did this fear correlate with an area of Doubt toward the Lord? (How did David turn aside, seeking another solution?)

4. Reflect on how the "living conditions" for David and his men are described in **Verses 3-4**... What would have been appealing to David about these conditions?

5. Reflect on the "lifestyle" that David developed (adopted) in **Verses 8-11**... We might "grant" that David is actually finishing the "battles" that Saul has left unfinished—killing many of the remaining tribes of the Philistines. But as you consider the summary statement about David's life in Gath, delivered by Achish in **Verse 12**... How do you think we, as God's people reading this account, are supposed to interpret this "season" of David's life—given his motivation for being there, and given the outcome of his way of living among the Philistines?

6. If you were a godly friend to David, at this point in his life, how might you advise him regarding the faithfulness of God... and How might you exhort him to trust in the Lord?