



Part 15: The Road to Restoration

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REVIEW

- Step 1: Fear or weariness
- Step 2: Self Talk
- Step 3: Independence
- Step 4: Action
- Step 5: Temporary Relief
- Step 6: Deception
- Step 7: Compromise

The Next Chapter Recap

1. SAUL'S DESPERATION

1 Samuel 28:5-7 (ESV)- When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. And when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets.

2. SAUL'S COMPROMISE

1 Samuel 28:6 (ESV)-Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a medium at En-dor.

3. SAUL'S CONSEQUENCE

1 Samuel 28:19 (ESV)-Moreover, the Lord will give Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me. The Lord will give the army of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines.

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A. Loss of Identity

1 Samuel 29:2-3,8 (ESV)-As the lords of the Philistines were passing on by hundreds and by thousands, and David and his men were passing on in the rear with Achish, the commanders of the Philistines said, "What are these Hebrews doing here?" And Achish said to the commanders of the Philistines, "Is this not David, the servant of Saul, king of Israel, who has been with me now for days and years, and since he deserted to me I have found no fault in him to this day....And David said to Achish, "But what have I done? What have you found in your servant from the day I entered your service until now, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?"

B. Divine Intervention

1 Samuel 29:9 (ESV)-And Achish answered David and said, "I know that you are as blameless in my sight as an angel of God. Nevertheless, the commanders of the Philistines have said, 'He shall not go up with us to the battle.'

C. Broken Heart

1 Samuel 30:1-4 (ESV)- Now when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had made a raid... and taken captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great. They killed no one, but carried them off and went their way. And when David and his men came to the city, they found it burned with fire, and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. Then David and the people who were with him raised their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep.

D. Godly Dependence

1 Samuel 30:6,8 (ESV)- And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God....And David inquired of the Lord, "Shall I pursue after this band? Shall I overtake them?" He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake and shall surely rescue.

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Here Is The Point: God desires restoration!