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DAVID & ABIATHAR

CHOOSING KINDNESS

WE HAVE BEEN STUDYING ABOUT SAUL TRYING TO KILL DAVID. DAVID WAS HIDING FROM SAUL TO BE SAFE AND NOT GET KILLED.

LAST WEEK WE STUDIED ABOUT SOME OF THE PLACES DAVID WENT TO HIDE FROM SAUL. DAVID WENT TO THE TOWN CALLED NOB, WHERE THE PRIESTS LIVED.

DAVID ASKED THE PRIEST NAMED AHIMELECH FOR SOME BREAD TO EAT AND FOR A SWORD TO PROTECT HIMSELF WITH.

DAVID DID NOT TELL AHIMELECH THAT HE WAS HIDING FROM SAUL, DAVID SAID HE WAS DOING SECRET BUSINESS FOR SAUL.

AHIMELECH GAVE DAVID THE ONLY BREAD HE HAD - SHEWBREAD FOR THE TABERNACLE WORSHIP SERVICE. AND AHIMELECH GAVE DAVID GOLIATH'S SWORD, WHICH WAS BEING KEPT IN THE TABERNACLE.

ONE OF SAUL'S SERVANTS NAMED DOEG WAS IN THE TABERNACLE AND HEARD EVERYTHING DAVID SAID TO AHIMELECH.

AFTER DAVID GOT THE BREAD AND SWORD, HE WENT AWAY TO HIDE SOMEWHERE ELSE.

ONE OF THE PLACES DAVID HID WAS THE CAVE OF ADULLAM. (SHOW PICTURE) DAVID STAYED IN THE CAVE FOR A WHILE.

HIS FAMILY CAME TO STAY WITH HIM,
BUT DAVID TOOK THEM TO MOAB WHERE
THEY WOULD BE SAFER THAN IF THEY
STAYED IN THE CAVE WITH DAVID.

ABOUT 400 MEN CAME TO THE CAVE TO
HELP DAVID. THEY WERE A SMALL ARMY
TOGETHER, AND DAVID WAS THEIR CAPTAIN.

THEN THE PROPHET GAD TOLD DAVID
THAT IT WAS NOT SAFE TO STAY IN THE
CAVE ANYMORE. GAD TOLD DAVID TO GO
TO A SAFER PLACE, IN JUDAH. DAVID
OBEYED GAD.

RIGHT ABOUT THIS TIME, SAUL FOUND
OUT WHERE DAVID AND HIS MEN WERE
STAYING. SAUL WAS VERY ANGRY ABOUT
DAVID, BECAUSE HE THOUGHT DAVID WAS
MAKING A PLAN TO TRY AND TAKE THE
KINGDOM AWAY FROM HIM.

THEN DOEG TOLD SAUL ABOUT DAVID
TALKING TO AHIMELECH AT THE TABERNACLE.
DOEG TOLD SAUL THAT AHIMELECH HELPED
DAVID. SAUL THOUGHT THAT AHIMELECH
AND DAVID WERE WORKING TOGETHER TO
TRY AND TAKE THE KINGDOM AWAY FROM
SAUL.

SAUL SENT A MESSAGE TO AHIMELECH
AND ALL THE PRIESTS AT NOB. THE
MESSAGE TOLD THEM TO COME MEET
WITH THE KING.

WHEN THEY CAME, SAUL ASKED THEM
WHY THEY WERE HELPING DAVID TAKE

THE KINGDOM AWAY FROM HIM.

AHIMELECH EXPLAINED TO SAUL THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THERE WAS ANY TROUBLE BETWEEN SAUL AND DAVID.

BUT SAUL WAS SO ANGRY THAT HE TOLD AHIMELECH THAT HE WOULD BE KILLED AND ALL THE OTHER PRIESTS WOULD BE KILLED, TOO.

DOEG KILLED ALL THE PRIESTS THAT WERE THERE (85) EXCEPT ONE THAT ESCAPED. ONE OF AHIMELECH'S SONS — NAMED ABIATHAR — ESCAPED AND WENT TO FIND DAVID TO TELL HIM WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

WHEN DAVID HEARD WHAT HAD HAPPENED, DAVID TOLD ABIATHAR, "I KNEW WHEN DOEG HEARD ME TALKING TO YOUR FATHER IN THE TABERNACLE THAT HE WOULD TELL SAUL WHAT WAS HAPPENING. ALL THE PRIESTS WERE KILLED BECAUSE OF ME.

THEN DAVID DID A VERY KIND THING FOR ABIATHAR. DAVID COULD HAVE TOLD ABIATHAR TO JUST GO AWAY, BUT DAVID WAS VERY KIND TO ABIATHAR. DAVID SAID, "DON'T WORRY OR BE AFRAID, STAY HERE WITH ME. EVEN THOUGH SAUL IS TRYING TO FIND BOTH OF US, WITH ME YOU WILL BE SAFE."