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Message #5: **When Under Attack**

Psalms written during this time...

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Modern-Day Scenario

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

2 dimensions that have to be dealt with:

1) Human Dimension

2) Supernatural Dimension

1 SAMUEL 19

1 Now Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David; but Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted greatly in David.

1 SAMUEL 19

2 So Jonathan told David, saying, "My father Saul seeks to kill you. Therefore please be on your guard until morning, and stay in a secret place and hide.

3 "And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak with my father about you. Then what I observe, I will tell you."

1 SAMUEL 19

4 Thus Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Let not the king sin against his servant, against David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his works have been very good toward you."

1 SAMUEL 19

5 "For he took his life in his hands and killed the Philistine, and the LORD brought about a great deliverance for all Israel. You saw it and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause?"

1 SAMUEL 19

6 So Saul heeded the voice of Jonathan, and Saul swore, "As the LORD lives, he shall not be killed."

7 Then Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these things. So Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as in times past.

1 SAMUEL 19

8 And there was war again; and David went out and fought with the Philistines, and struck them with a mighty blow, and they fled from him.

9 Now the distressing spirit from the LORD came upon Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing music with his hand.

1 SAMUEL 19

10 Then Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away from Saul's presence; and he drove the spear into the wall. So David fled and escaped that night.

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11 Saul also sent messengers to David's house to watch him and to kill him in the morning. And Michal, David's wife, told him, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed."

1 SAMUEL 19

12 So Michal let David down through a window. And he went and fled and escaped.

13 And Michal took an image and laid it in the bed, put a cover of goats' hair for his head, and covered it with clothes.

1 SAMUEL 19

14 So when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick."

15 Then Saul sent the messengers back to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him."

1 SAMUEL 19

16 And when the messengers had come in, there was the image in the bed, with a cover of goats' hair for his head.

17 Then Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this, and sent my enemy away, so that he has escaped?" And Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I kill you?'"

1 SAMUEL 19

16 And when the messengers had come in, there was the image in the bed, with a cover of goats' hair for his head.

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17 Then Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this, and sent my enemy away, so that he has escaped?" And Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I kill you?'"

1 SAMUEL 19

18 So David fled and escaped, and went to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.

(NKJV)

- From beloved giant killer to a fugitive running for his life.



Isn't it something when someone else's sins becomes your test?



- **Saul puts a hit-job out on David.**
- **Jonathan talks Saul down.**
- **But then Saul gets stirred up again.**

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FAITH LESSON


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- **Refuse to get on the temper-tantrum roller coaster with someone who has not proven their repentance & brokenness.**

When this persists, distance and separation is your next move.

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FAITH LESSON

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- **Be aware of what Jesus taught about the “spiritual dynamic” of the 7x intensification of evil.**

Matthew 12:43-45*

Jesus, Matthew 12:43-45

43 "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.

44 "Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order.

Jesus, Matthew 12:43-45

45 "Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

**This seems to be what happens with Saul –
each time it gets worse.**


1 SAMUEL 19:9-10

9 Now the distressing spirit from the LORD came upon Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing music with his hand.

10 Then Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away from Saul's presence; and he drove the spear into the wall. So David fled and escaped that night.

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➤ **Be aware of the spiritual dimension.**

**Evil spirits still play a role
in the chaos.**

Directly or Indirectly

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➤ **Refuse to strike
back.**

Vengeance belongs to the LORD



- Saul sends troops to David's house
- Michal, intercedes on David's behalf
- **Saul is infuriated.**

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- **Be humble enough to ask for help and receive help when you need it.**

**Thank God for faithful friends.
Learn to be this kind of friend.**

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- **We all need a “Samuel” in our low moments.**

**Protect, Speak life, Speak hope,
Speak truth**

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1 SAMUEL 20

- **Jonathan intercedes on David's behalf again.**
- **“Point of No Return” for David.**
- **David will lose everything – for a season.**
 - **He will become a fugitive**

Let's feel some of the emotions from this part of the story....

1 SAMUEL 20:3

David:

“there is but a step between me
and death.”

1 SAMUEL 20:34

So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food the second day of the month, for he was grieved for David, because his father had treated him shamefully.

- He had just been cussed out by his dad and his dad threw that same spear at Jonathan. Saul is off the chain at this point.

1 SAMUEL 20:41

As soon as the lad had gone, David arose from a place toward the south, fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down three times. And they kissed one another; and they wept together, but David more so.


1 SAMUEL 21

- (vs 10-15) David does something very puzzling.
- He goes to Gath.
 - Hometown of Goliath

**Mid-stream, David realizes
this is a bad idea!**

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- **Don't do stupid stuff that could cost you everything.**

Pressure and emotions can cause you to do dumb stuff.

RE-CAP

**Go back through the
Faith Lessons**

2 more remaining

1 SAMUEL 21

- David flees to a place called Nob. It's where the priests live.
- David is seeking out provision and guidance.
- 2 things happen here worthy of note.

**David comes to Ahimelech the Priest
and here's how it went:**

1 SAMUEL 21:1-2

1 Now David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech was afraid when he met David, and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no one is with you?"

2 So David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has ordered me on some business, and said to me, 'Do not let anyone know anything about the business on which I send you, or what I have commanded you.' And I have directed my young men to such and such a place.

1 SAMUEL 21:4 AND 6

4 And the priest answered David and said, "There is no common bread on hand; but there is holy bread.....

6 So the priest gave him holy bread; for there was no bread there but the showbread which had been taken from before the LORD, in order to put hot bread in its place on the day when it was taken away.

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FAITH LESSON

- **When you are under fire, you need to eat “holy bread”, “bread from Heaven”.**
- **You need Heavenly wisdom, Heavenly wisdom that only comes from God and His Word.**

- Then another interesting thing happens.
 - David asked for a spear or sword?
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- (vs 9) So the priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, there it is, wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take that, take it . For there is no other except that one here." And David said, "There is none like it; give it to me."

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FAITH LESSON

- **Be reminded of God's faithfulness in the time of overwhelming odds.**

“Remember”

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Numbers 6:24-26

24 "The LORD bless you and keep you;

25 The LORD make His face shine upon
you, and be gracious to you;

26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon
you, and give you peace."