

DAVID: A MAN OF PASSION & DESTINY

CLOUDY DAYS . . . DARK NIGHTS

1 SAMUEL 27:1–30:6



The Heart of the Matter

Low tides. We all have them. Occasionally, they linger for an extended period of time, bringing overwhelming feelings of depression. The sun rays of purpose and hope become blocked by the clouds of disillusionment, doubt, and a host of accompanying enemies of faith. So it happened with David. He succumbed to such feelings as darts of fear and pessimism punctured his trust in God. The results? He played into the hands of Israel's enemy and, in fact, began to support *their* cause! Several lessons emerge from this account as we learn from David's cloudy days and dark nights.



Discovering the Way

1. Clouds and Darkness Come (1 Samuel 27:1–7)

It's important to see the causes, the extent, and the consequences of the darkness that seeps into our lives.

2. Winds and Storms Increase (1 Samuel 27:8–11)

David dealt with three internal conflicts during this time of his life: duplicity, vagueness, and secrecy.

3. Injury and Devastation Occur (1 Samuel 27:12)

David suffered four personal setbacks as a result of his response to the storms: a displaced identity, the onset of disillusionment, distrust from others, and great personal distress.

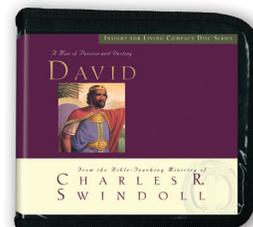


Starting Your Journey

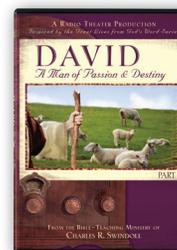
When the clouds billow up and the storms roll in, remember that these dark days call for right thinking and focus on the Lord.



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