A Life In Chaos

Series: “A Life in Chaos, A Soul at Peace”, Part 1 of 2

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Big Idea: God often forms his strongest people in obscure places He never intended to be permanent.

Text: 1 Samuel 22:1-5

1 Samuel 22:1-5 (ESV), “David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to him. And he became commander over them. And there were with him about four hundred men. And David went from there to Mizpeh of Moab. And he said to the king of Moab, “Please let my father and my mother stay with you, till I know what God will do for me.” And he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold. Then the prophet Gad said to David, “Do not remain in the stronghold; depart, and go into the land of Judah.” So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.”

1 Samuel 16:1, 12b-13 (ESV), “The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons...And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward.”

I. THE CAVE WAS NOT A CONTRADICTION, IT WAS A NECESSITY.

> 1 Samuel 22:1a (ESV), “David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam.”

II. DEEP FORMATION OFTEN HAPPENS IN OBSCURITY.

> 1 Samuel 22:1b-2 (ESV), “And when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to him. And he became commander over them. And there were with him about four hundred men.”

III. WAITING DOES NOT MEAN DOING NOTHING, NOR DOES IT MEAN DOING EVERYTHING.

1 Samuel 22:3-4 (ESV), “And David went from there to Mizpeh of Moab. And he said to the king of Moab, “Please let my father and my mother stay with you, till I know what God will do for me.” And he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him all the time that David was in the stronghold”

“The gracious operations of the Spirit were never designed to be a substitute for the Christian's discharge of his duty.” - A.W. Pink

IV. DON’T GET COMFORTABLE IN THE ESCAPE.

1 Samuel 22:5 (ESV), “Then the prophet Gad said to David, “Do not remain in the stronghold; depart, and go into the land of Judah.” So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.”

Psalm 20:7 (ESV), “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.”