

Series: David, Jesus & Me

Message: Facing Prosperity & Its Companions

Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:10-30; Psalm 143

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1 Samuel 18:13-16

¹³ Therefore Saul removed him from his presence and appointed him as his commander of a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

¹⁴ David was prospering in all his ways for the LORD was with him.

¹⁵ When Saul saw that he was prospering greatly, he dreaded him.

¹⁶ But all Israel and Judah loved David, and he went out and came in before them.

1. Prosperity Always Has Companions.

1.1 Difficulties

1.2 Discouragement

1.3 Distractions

Deuteronomy 8:10-14

¹⁰ "When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

¹¹ "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today;

¹² otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them,

¹³ and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies,

¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

2. Prosperity's Companions Often Chase Us Into Caves.

1 Samuel 22:1-2

¹ So David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father's household heard of it, they went down there to him.

² Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him; and he became captain over them. Now there were about four hundred men with him.

Psalms 142:1-4

¹ I cry aloud with my voice to the LORD; I make supplication with my voice to the LORD.

² I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare my trouble before Him.

³ When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, You knew my path. In the way where I walk They have hidden a trap for me.

⁴ Look to the right and see; For there is no one who regards me; There is no escape for me; No one cares for my soul.

3. Caves Become Excellent Environments To Find Greater Intimacy With Christ.

Psalms 142:5-7

⁵ I cried out to You, O LORD; I said, "You are my refuge, My portion in the land of the living.

⁶ "Give heed to my cry, For I am brought very low; Deliver me from my persecutors, For they are too strong for me.

⁷ "Bring my soul out of prison, So that I may give thanks to Your name; The righteous will surround me, For You will deal bountifully with me."

4. Caves Become Bearable When Being "Encouraged In The Lord."

4.1 By Others

1 Samuel 23:15-17

¹⁵ Now David became aware that Saul had come out to seek his life while David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh.

¹⁶ And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David at Horesh, and encouraged him in God.

¹⁷ Thus he said to him, "Do not be afraid, because the hand of Saul my father will not find you, and you will be king over Israel and I will be next to you; and Saul my father knows that also."

1 Samuel 20:4

⁴ Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you say, I will do for you."

1 Samuel 19:4-5

⁴ Then Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Do not let the king sin against his servant David, since he has not sinned against you, and since his deeds have been very beneficial to you.

⁵ "For he took his life in his hand and struck 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 by putting David to death without a cause?"

1 Samuel 20:41

⁴¹ When the lad was gone, David rose from the south side and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed three times. And they kissed each other and wept together, but David wept the more.

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4.2 By Oneself

1 Samuel 30:6

⁶ Moreover David was greatly distressed because the people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

Romans 8:31

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

1 Corinthians 10:13

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

Matthew 19:26

²⁶ And looking at them Jesus said to them, "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Philippians 4:13

¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:19

¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 10:5

⁵ We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

Fenelon, Let Go!

You will learn most in times of deprivation, deep meditation, and silence of the soul before God. It is here where you learn to renounce your own selfish spirit and to love humility, obscurity, weakness and submission. These things, so despised by the world, are the accomplished teachers of all truths.”

Proverbs 30:7-9

⁷ Two things I asked of You, Do not refuse me before I die:

⁸ Keep deception and lies far from me, Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is my portion,

⁹ That I not be full and deny You and say, "Who is the LORD?" Or that I not be in want and steal, And profane the name of my God.