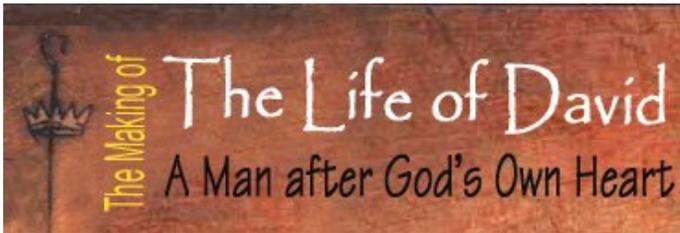




1 Sam 21:1-9; 22:6-23

Making of Responsibility Sun, Mar 19th 2006



Winston Churchill said: I am always ready to learn,
although I do not always like being taught.

True...so true. True I believe for David

- David has been chosen king, anointed
- Yet in a 17 year training, learning process
- Yet David's classes... no collegiate course at a pampered school...life, hard knocks
- David flees for his life for ten years
- Those years, teach him many things and quite a lot about himself....

Today, lets join David in one of his first classes....

I. David's First Class...

1. David flees Saul...stops off in Nob

- a. Not a planned departure – no food, weapons

2. Ahimelech knows something is wrong

- a. Looks at situation, something wrong – asks David

b. David has a choice – tell truth or lie....David lies - sins

- i) Says on special ops mission
- ii) Secret –why you don't know, can't tell you about
- iii) Asks for bread for he and his men (has some)

c. Common Jim, what was David supposed to do?

- i) Honest – Ahimelech could have chosen to help
A. At least would have known what getting into
- ii) Or – denied...and God could have provided, fed Elijah with Ravens...but David not trusting right now.

3. Only bread is Holy Bread

a. Only Bread is presence bread – for priests – David isn't

- i) Jesus shows Ahimelech did right thing

- b. **But for David...is a devaluing of holy things**
- c. **Believe this was a speed bump from God, warning**
 - i) Imagine God causing them to run out of regular

4. Doeg is there

- a. Not servant of Saul, Edomite (from Esau)
- b. **Want you to see, this is another warning 1 Sam 22:22** 📖
- c. **David knew at that moment, his lie would be known**
 - i) Knew that he was putting others at risk
 - ii) Another warning – rope across, speed bump
- d. **David blows past...asks for a weapon**
 - i) More on that next week too...but he sins....

II. Impact, Results of David's Lie

1 Samuel 22:6-23

1. Saul sees a conspiracy v.6-9

- a. Wrong, it is not, makes it more than is

2. Doeg feeds the conspiracy theory

- a. Tells of Ahimelech – partial truths...to deceive
- b. Does not say he inquired of God for him

3. Saul calls for all the priests

- a. Accuses them of conspiracy
- b. They flatly and calmly deny

4. Saul orders them killed

- a. Soldiers won't – wrong, these are priests
- b. Doeg will – not a Jew...something bad
- c. Kills all 85. Only one way can do that – they did not resist at all. 85 of any can resist one man
- d. Sacks and destroys whole town – horrible

5. Abiathar escapes...alone

III. David Learns Responsibility

1. David hears– note what says – I did that - wonderful

- a. So unlike Saul's responses–predecessor never learned

2. 1st Part of Responsibility –fully responsible for our sin

- a. **Satan's deception that opposes this**
 - i) Always seeks to cause us to pass the blame
 - ii) Has a thousand fronts...but same lie– not my fault
- b. **What the Bible says about our responsibility**
 - i) Not full theology lesson – talk to Christians

- ii) Sin has no power over us – **Rom 6** 📖
- iii) God never lets sin get upper hand–**1Cor 10:13** 📖
- iv) When you sin Christian – it is your fault
- c. So many blame others for their sins**
 - i) David could have blamed Saul, Doeg
 - ii) “look what you made me do” - thing
 - iii) **Not true – picture this like a sponge**
 - A. the pressure reveals inside us**
 - B. Jesus said out of the heart the mouth speaks**
 - iv) True with kids, parents, friends, enemies, bosses, coworkers, neighbors
- d. Some try to blame the past**
 - i) Parents sin, rough childhood - No excuse
- e. Some try to blame biological reasons**
 - i) Talk about genetics –bent towards sin?
 - ii) Others talk about psychological reasons
 - iii) Don't know if true – even if so – doesn't change
 - iv) For Christian – have victory, not to hard to handle
 - A. Yet...no excuse for sin, or God's Word is not true

3. Why is taking responsibility so important

- a. Because it is sin it is forgivable**
 - i) **1 John 1:9** – to confess, say same thing 📖
 - ii) Only way find, know Gods gracious forgiveness
 - iii) As we blame...find hardness, bitterness-**Ps 32** 📖
- b. Because it is sin – we can have victory over it**
 - i) Some will say – boy Jim, being awful hard
 - ii) Hard...I suppose – hurts to be told guilty of sin
 - iii) Yet...hear me – because true – we can overcome
 - iv) If genetic, psychology, parents-bound me to sin ...then it is who I am, always will be-trapped
 - v) But here I am telling you, God is – can be free
 - vi) satan promises as an excuse, really binds
 - vii)Hear me friends, parents – excuse=binding

4. 2nd Issue in Responsibility - sin has consequences

- a. Notice – David accepts the consequences
- b. Forgiveness does not erase consequences**
- c. More...my sin effects, hurts others**
 - i) True for all...really is
- d. More true for a leader...for what David will be**

- i) David needs to learn
- ii) For a Saul – he would never care
- iii) But for a man after God's heart – this is such a painful lesson...hard...keep him through life

5. 3rd Issue in Responsibly – Responsible only for own sin

- a. Maybe say – Ok Jim, David blew it, accepts it, but what is that compared to Saul, or Doeg. What do with that? Glad you asked – turn to Psalm 52
- b. V.1-3 Tell God all about it
- c. V.4-5 – Know God will deal with it...He will
- d. V.6-9 – Wait on Him
 - i) Leave with Him, others
 - ii) Deal with own sin...leave others to Him

Conclusion

More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying them.

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It is a hard lesson...but a key lesson in the heart of one who is after God's heart – take responsibility

- Sponge...when pressures press – they only reveal what is inside.

Gospel

In so many ways, 1st part of gospel – see your need

Understand – you are responsible, accountable – every word

There is forgiveness...but you must access it, accept it