

God's High Call To Contrarian Living: David's Example

1 Pet. 3:9-12 // 1 Sam. 21 // Ps. 34

(Part 4)



David's Sojourn in the Wilderness 1 Samuel 21-23

PHILISTIA

● Gath
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● Adullam
● Keilah

● Ramah
Gibeah
of Saul
● Nob
Jebus
(Jerusalem)

● Bethlehem

● Hebron

● Ziph

● Maon

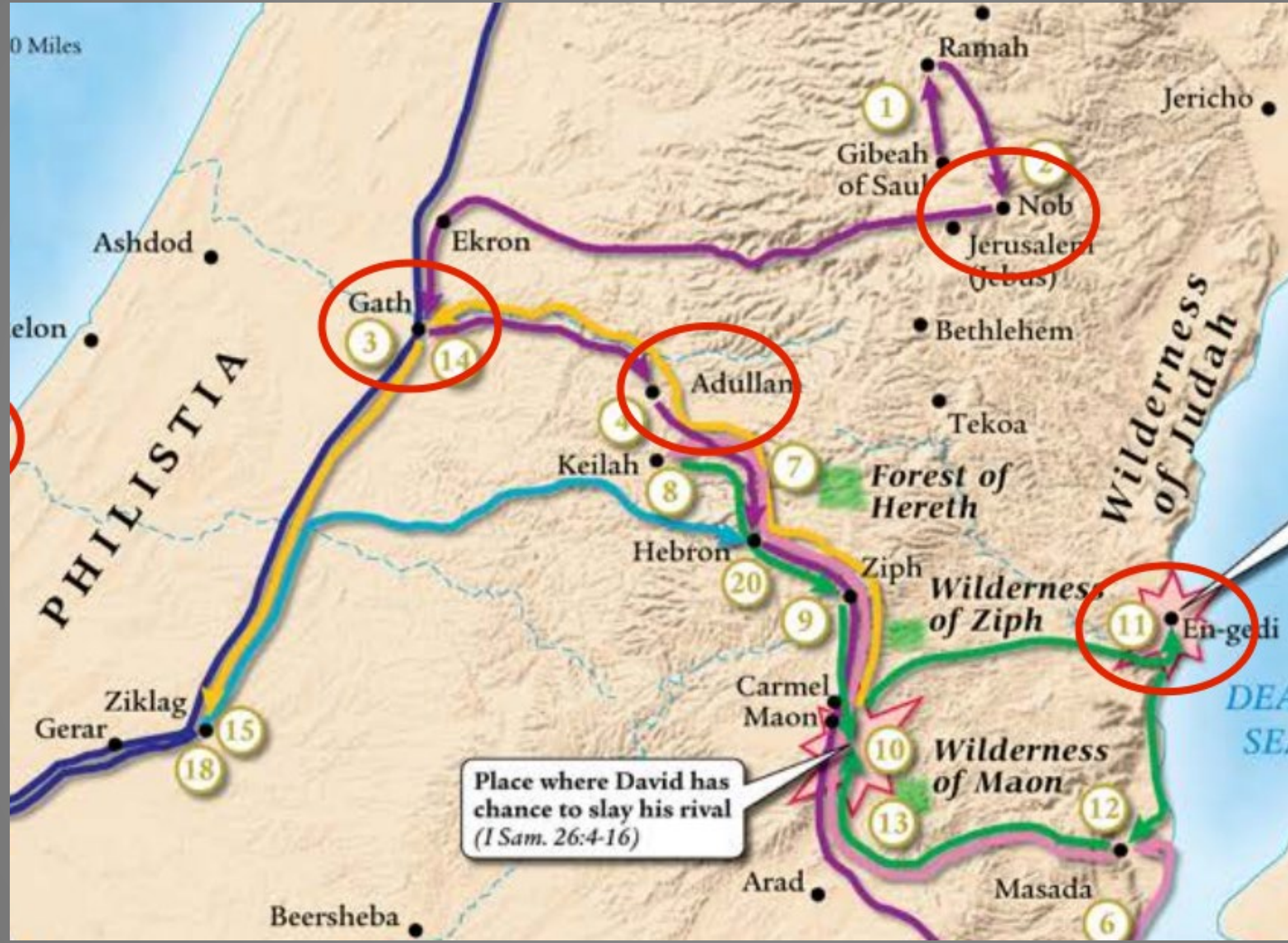
Masada ●

Wilderness of Judah

En Gedi ●

Dead Sea

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Doctrine of SUFFERING

1. Deserved

- Because of our own sin (Gal. 6:7-8)
- Because we're associated with others who sin (e.g. Judas Escariot)

2. Undeserved

- God's *intentional* will (2 Cor. 12)
- God's *permissive* will (e.g. Job)

Our Response

- (If our sin brings suffering: confess, repent)
- Embrace it, walk by faith, expect sanctification

Romans 8:38-39 (ESV)

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, (39)nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

2 Types of PRAISE Psalms

DECLARATIVE

Open exaltation of God; proclaiming the fact(s) that make Him great; expressing the blessings God bestows

DESCRIPTIVE

An *instructive* form of DECLARATIVE praise (invites & teaches others how to personally partake of the author's experience)

Psalm 34 Outline

Vv. 1-10: David's **declarative** praise to God

- Vv. 1-3: ...vowing to praise God and inviting others to join him
- Vv. 4-7: ...describing how God delivered him
- Vv. 8-10: ...calling upon others to trust in the LORD for protection and provision

Psalm 34 Outline

Vv. 11-22: David's **descriptive** praise to God

- Vv. 11-12: ...calling upon others to learn and experience God's goodness
- Vv. 13-22: ...instructing others of how God delivered him ("so do these same things!")

2 Corinthians 12:10 (ESV)

“For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Types of PARELLELISMS in the Psalms

SYNTHETIC

The idea expressed in the first line is expanded/completed in the following line(s)

Ps. 3:5-6: “I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me. (6)I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.”

Isaiah 53:4 (ESV)

“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and
afflicted.”

Psalm 23:4 (ESV)

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Psalm 27:1 (ESV)

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be
afraid?"

Romans 8:28 (ESV)

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

Psalm 31:19 (ESV)

"Oh, how abundant is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You and worked for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind!"

Psalm 34:7 (ESV)

"The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them."

2 Corinthians 5:8 (NLT)

“Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.”

Psalm 34:9 (ESV)

"Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him
have no lack!"

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)

"for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."