**TURN BACK AND GO IN PEACE**

1 Samuel 27:1-28:2 & 29:1-11 (Key verse 29:7)

*Turn back and go in in peace; do nothing to displease the Philistine rulers*

1. Read verse 1. How is David’s thinking in sharp contrast with the previous chapter? (1 Sam 26:23-24) What caused the sudden change of David’s mind? Then what did David think was the best thing to do? Why? Why do you think he did not inquire of the Lord as he did in the past? (23:1-5)
2. To whom did David go and where did he settled? (2-3a) Who followed David over to Achish son of Maok king of Gath? (2,3) In what sense did David fail those who followed him as their leader? (2,3) How does David come to live in Ziklag? (5–6) How long does David live in Philistine territory? (7)
3. Which peoples did David and his men raid? (8) What did David do whenever he attacked an area? (9) What did David say to Achish when he asked David where he went raiding? (10)   What did David do in order to cover up his lies? (11) How do we know that David completely misled Achish? (12; 28:1-2 What do you think about David’s double life in the land of the Philistines?
4. Where was David and his men when the Philistine rulers marched out for war with the Israelites? (29:1-2) Do you think David would really fight against his own people? How could he get out of this terrible situation?
5. What did the commanders of the Philistines asked Achish and how did he reply? (3) But why was the Philistine Commanders angry with Achish? (4-5) Then, what did Achish say to David? (6-7) How did David keep his cool? (8)Yet how relieved must he have been not having to fight against his own people? (9-11) Here what do you learn about God who helped David?