

“THE SAVIOR OF THE UNFIT”**I SAMUEL 22:1-2****INTRODUCTION**

THIS MORNING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT “THE SAVIOR OF THE UNFIT.”

DAVID GUZIK IN HIS COMMENTARY ON THIS PARTICULAR CHAPTER SAYS, “DAVID THEREFORE DEPARTED FROM THERE: DAVID HAS BEEN THROUGH A LOT. HE HAD THE HIGH OF IMMEDIATE FAME, A RECENT MARRIAGE, DANGERS FROM THE PHILISTINES, REPEATED ATTEMPTS ON HIS LIFE, AND A HEARTBREAKING FAREWELL FROM EVERYDAY LIFE TO LIVE AS A FUGITIVE FOR WHO KNOWS HOW LONG.”

LIKE DAVID, SOME OF US HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT. WE’VE EXPERIENCED LIFE’S UPS AND DOWNS.

WE’VE BEEN THERE AND DONE THAT AND NOW IT APPEARS WE ARE FUGITIVES FROM ANY AND ALL GOOD FORTUNE.

EVEN NOW WE ARE TRYING TO GET THROUGH THE GOING THROUGH STAGE.

LET’S CONSIDER HOW DAVID ENDED UP IN THIS PREDICAMENT.

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURES I SAMUEL 21:10-15

[10] AND DAVID AROSE AND FLED THAT DAY FOR FEAR OF SAUL, AND WENT TO ACHISH THE KING OF GATH.

[11] AND THE SERVANTS OF ACHISH SAID UNTO HIM, IS NOT THIS DAVID THE KING OF LAND? DID THEY NOT SING ONE TO ANOTHER OF HIM IN DANCES, SAYING, SAUL HATH SLAIN HIS THOUSANDS, AND DAVID HIS TEN THOUSANDS?

[12] AND DAVID LAID UP THESE WORDS IN HIS HEART, AND WAS SORE AFRAID OF ACHISH THE KING OF GATH.

[13] AND HE CHANGED HIS BEHAVIOUR BEFORE THEM, AND FEIGNED HIMSELF MAD IN THEIR HANDS, AND SCRABBLED ON THE DOORS OF THE GATE, AND LET HIS SPITTLE FALL DOWN UPON HIS BEARD.

[14] THEN SAID ACHISH UNTO HIS SERVANTS, LO, YE SEE THE MAN IS MAD: WHEREFORE THEN HAVE YE BROUGHT HIM TO ME?

[15] HAVE I NEED OF MAD MEN, THAT YE HAVE BROUGHT THIS FELLOW TO PLAY THE MADE MAN IN MY PRESENCE? SHALL THIS FELLOW COME INTO MY HOUSE?

DAVID NEEDED A PLACE OF REFUGE. HE NEEDED SHELTER DURING THIS TIME OF STORM.

DURING THIS TIME, HIS CHOICES WERE EXTREMELY LIMITED.

HE COULDN'T GO HOME. HE COULDN'T GO TO THE PALACE. HE COULDN'T GO TO SAMUEL. HE COULDN'T GO TO JONATHAN. HE COULDN'T GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD. OH WHERE COULD HE GO? ADULLAM WAS THAT PLACE.

THE CAVE OF ADULLAM SIGNIFIES A TURNING POINT IN DAVID'S LIFE.

WE ALL HAVE HAD UNDESIRABLE AND UNSOUGHT AFTER EXPERIENCES IN OUR LIVES THAT GOD HAS TRANSFORMED INTO TURNING POINTS. HE WORKS THAT WAY.

SO, DAVID IS NOW THE KING OF AN OUTFIT OF UNFIT MEN.

THEY WERE MEN WHO WERE IN SO MANY WORDS MESSED UP.

THEIR FINANCES WERE UNFIT.

THEIR MORALE WAS UNFIT.

THEIR DIRECTION WAS TOWARD A CONTINUATION OF BEING UNFIT.

OH, TIME IS FILLED WITH SWIFT TRANSITION.

[2] AND EVERY ONE THAT WAS IN DISTRESS, AND EVERYONE THAT WAS IN DEBT, AND EVERYONE THAT WAS DISCONTENTED, GATHERED THEMSELVES UNTO HIM; AND HE BECAME A CAPTAIN OVER THEM: AND THERE WERE WITH HIM ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED MEN.

THE UNFIT FROM EVERY WALK OF LIFE CONGREGATE UNDER DAVID AND HE BECOMES THE SAVIOR OF THE UNFIT.

THEY WERE REJECTS!

THEIR CREDIT APPLICATIONS, REJECTED.

THEIR MORTGAGE APPLICATIONS, REJECTED.

NOBODY WOULD HIRE THEM, REJECTED.

NO ONE WOULD MARRY THEM, REJECTED.

OTHERS DID NOT WANT TO BE AROUND THEM, REJECTED.

THIS WAS THEIR LIFE STORY. THIS WAS THEIR SAD SITUATION. THIS WAS THEIR PRESENT STATE.

CAN I SUGGEST THAT SOME OF THEM WOULD HAVE EVEN BEEN REJECTED BY THE REJECTS?

AT ABDULLAM, THIS GROUP OF MISFITS GATHERED TO BECOME FIGHTING MACHINES.

DAVID'S TASK WAS TO TRANSFORM THIS UNFIT BAND OF MISFITS INTO MEN FIT FOR BATTLE. HE WAS TO BE THEIR SAVIOR

WHERE I YOUR ADBULLAM?

WHERE DID GOD TRANSFORM YOU?

WHERE DID GOD MEET YOU AND CLEAN YOU UP?

WHEN AND WHERE WERE YOU WASHED IN THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF THE LAMB?

I. THEY WERE MEN IN DISTRESS

- A. **DISTRESS MEANS TO BE IN BAD STRAITS.**
- B. **OH MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS WE LIVE IN A DISTRESSED WORLD.**
 - 1. **MANY OF US TODAY FIND OURSELVES IN BAD STRAITS.**
 - 2. **THE WORLD IS FULL OF SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF SIN.**
 - 3. **SUFFERING STALKS US. IT KNOWS WHERE WE ARE AND ANTICIPATES OUR EVERY STEP.**
 - 4. **SUFFERING (DISTRESS) IS AGONY OF MIND, A CREEPING PAIN THAT WON'T GO AWAY, IT GNAWS AND NAGS AND NEVER TAKES A COFFEE BREAK.**
 - 5. **SUFFERING (DISTRESS) SAYS JUDY COLLINS "IS THE PRICE WE PAY FOR BEING ALIVE."**
 - 6. **THESE MEN WERE ALIVE, BUT THEY WERE SUFFERING.**
- C. **WHATEVER YOU LOT, YOU OUGHT TO BE GLAD TO BE ALIVE.**
 - 1. **IN THIS LIFE, SOMETIMES THINGS HAPPEN THAT WE JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND, BUT WE WILL UNDERSTAND IT BETTER BY AND BY.**

II. THEY WERE MEN WHO WERE DISCONTENT.

- A. **LIFE HAD CAUSED THESE MEN TO BECOME BETTER.**
 - 1. **THEY WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH THEIR PRESENT STATION IN LIFE.**
 - 2. **THEIR MINDSET WAS THAT SOMEBODY HAD DEALT THEM A BAD HAND.**

3. TO THEM NOTHING SEEMED TO GO THEIR WAY.
4. TO THEM THE TROUBLE THAT CAME THEIR WAY SEEMED LIKE IT WOULD NEVER GO AWAY.

ILLUSTRATION

JOSEPH HALL GAVE THIS INSIGHT: “THE MALCONTENT ARE NEITHER WELL, FULL NOR FASTING; AND THOUGH HE ABOUNDS WITH COMPLAINTS, YET NOTHING DISLIKES HIM BUT THE PRESENT; FOR WHAT HE CONDEMNS WHILE IT WAS, ONCE PASSED, HE MAGNIFIES AND STRIVES TO RECALL IT OUT OF THE LAW OF TIME. WHAT HE HAS HE SEETH NOT, HIS EYES ARE SO TAKEN UP WITH WHAT HE WANTS; AND WHAT HE SEES HE CARETH NOT FOR, BECAUSE HE CARES SO MUCH FOR THAT WHICH IS NOT.”

III. THESE MEN DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT TROUBLE DOES NOT LAST ALWAYS.

- A. TO ALL THE SAINTS OF GOD, I ASSURE YOU TROUBLE IS LASTING, BUT IT IS NOT EVERLASTING.
 1. I RAN ACROSS THE FOLLOWING QUOTE, “IT IS NOT OUR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT CREATE OUR DISCONTENT OR CONTENTMENT. IT IS US.”
 2. PAUL SHARES IN PHILIPPIANS 4: [1] NOT THAT I SPEAK IN RESPECT OF WHAT: FOR I HAVE LEARNED, IN WHATSOEVER STATE I AM, THEREWITH TO BE CONTENT. [12] I KNOW BOTH HOW TO BE ABASED, AND I KNOW HOW TO ABOUND: EVERY WHERE AND IN ALL THINGS I AM INSTRUCTED BOTH TO BE FULL AND TO BE HUNGRY, BOTH TO ABOUND AND TO SUFFER NEED. IT IS US!”
- B. CONTENTMENT MUST COME FROM THE INSIDE OUT. HAVE I GOT A WITNESS?

1. **VERSE 4: “AND HE BROUGHT THEM BEFORE THE KING OF MOAB: AND THEY DWELT WITH HIM ALL THE WHILE THAT DAVID WAS IN THE HOLD.”**
 2. **DAVID FOUND A HOLD. DAVID FOUND A DEFENSE. DAVID FOUND A FORTRESS. HE FOUND A STRONGHOLD.**
 - a. **IN TIMES LIKE THESE.**
 - b. **IN TIMES OF TROUBLE.**
 - c. **IN TIMES OF DISTRESS.**
 - d. **IN TIMES OF DISCONTENT.**
 - e. **IN TIMES OF DEBT, THE CHILDREN OF GOD NEED A HOLD.**
 - f. **BE SURE. YOU BE VERY SURE. YOUR ANCHOR HOLDS, AND GRIPS THE SOLID ROCK.**
 - g. **OH, THIS ROCK IS JESUS. HE’S THE ONE, THE ONLY ONE. HE’S THE SAVIOR OF THE UNFIT.**
- C. I NEED TO NOTE, THE MEN STAYED WITH DAVID. DAVID WAS IN THE HOLD AND SOMEBODY STAYED WITH HIM.**
1. **CHURCH! DON’T ABANDON YOU HOLD.**
 3. **PSALM 18:2: THE LORD IS MY ROCK, AND MY FORTRESS, AND MY DELIVERER; MY GOD, MY STRENGTH, IN WHOM I WILL TRUST, MY BUCKLER, AND THE HORN OF MY SALVATION, AND MY HIGH TOWER. [3] I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD, WHO IS WORTHY TO BE PRAISED: SO SHALL I BE SAVED FROM MINE ENEMIES.**

CONCLUSION

- A. WE ARE ENCOMPASSED WITH INIQUITY, BUT THE SAVIOR OF THE UNFIT WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES AND THE CHASTISEMENT OF OUR PEACE WAS UPON HIM, AND BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED.**
- 1. WE ARE HELPLESS BUT HE CAN HELP. PSALM 121: [1] I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS, FROM WHENCE COMETH MY HELP. [2] MY HELP COMETH FROM THE LORD, WHICH MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.**
 - 2. THE LEAST OF MERCIES IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE CHIEF OF SINNERS.**
 - 3. NO SEEKER TOO IMPORTUNATE;**
 - 4. NO BEGGAR TOO RAGGED;**
 - 5. NO BANKRUPT TOO PENNILESS;**
 - 6. NO DEBTOR TOO INSOLVENT; FOR HIM NOT TO NOTICE AND NOT TO RELIEVE.**
 - 7. IN CHRIST WE FIND THE SOLUTION TO OUR SADNESS.**
 - 8. IN CHRIST WE DISCOVER THE ANTIDOTE TO ALL OF OUR AILMENTS.**
 - 9. IN CHRIST WE FIND THE PANACEA TO ALL OR OUR PROBLEMS.**
 - 10. IN CHRIST WE FIND THE REMEDY TO OUR IMPENDING RUIN.**
 - 11. IF YOU ARE DISTRESSED LET ME ENCOURAGE YOU BY SAYING,**

“BE NOT DISMAYED WHATEVER BETIDES YOU GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU.”

WON'T HE DO IT?

“BENEATH HIS WILL OF LOVE ABIDE, I TELL YOU HE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU.”

12. LOOK AT YOUR NEIGHBOR AND SAY GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU.

B. I HEARD JESUS SAY IN MATTHEW 11:28 COME UNTO ME, ALL YE THAT LABOUR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND I WILL GIVE REST. [29] TAKE MY YORE UPON YOU, AND LEARN OF ME; FOR I AM MEER AND LOWLY IN HEART: AND YE SHALL FIND REST UNTO YOUR SOULS. [30] FOR MY YORE IS EASY, AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.

1. IF YOU ARE IN DEBT LET ME ASSURE YOU THERE IS NO NEED TO FILE CHAPTER ELEVEN. JESUS HA ALREADY SETTLED YOUR DEBT.

a. “JESUS PAID IT ALL. ALL TO HIM I OWE. SIN HAD LEFT A CRIMSON STAIN. BUT HE WASHED ME WHITER THAN SNOW.

2. HE IS THE SAVIOR OF THE UNFIT.

3. MAYBE YOU ARE DISCONTENT.

4. DAVID SAID, “THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD I SHALL NOT WANT.”

C. ISAIAH SAID IN CHAPTER 58 VERSE 11: “AND THE LORD SHALL GUIDE THEE CONTINUALLY, AND SATISFY THY SOUL IN DROUGHT, AND MAKE FAT THEY BONES: AND THOU SHALT BE LIKE A WATERED GARDEN, AND LIKE A SPRING OF WATER, WHOSE WATERS FAIL NOT.”

1. I'M SATISFIED IN JESUS.

2. HE DIED.

3. HE DIED THAT I MIGHT HAVE LIFE.

4. **HE DIED THAT I MIGHT HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.**
5. **HE'S THE SAVIOR OF THE UNFIT.**

D. CAN'T I TESTIFY?

1. **"I ONCE WAS LOST IN SIN, BUT JESUS TOOK ME IN. AND THEN A LITTLE LIGHT FROM HEAVEN FILLED MY SOUL. HE FILLED MY HEART WITH LOVE AND WROTE MY NAME ABOVE. AND JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS MAKES EVERYTHING ALRIGHT.**

E. WHAT ARE YOU SAYING SIMMONS?

1. **ALL I'M TRYING TO GET YOU TO SEE IS IT WAS AMAZING GRACE. HOW SWEET THE SOUND THAT SAVED A WRETCH LIKE ME. YES, I ONCE WAS LOST, BUT NOW I'M FOUND. I WAS BLIND BUT NOW I SEE.**
2. **I'M STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD.**
3. **WILL ANYBODY STAND WITH ME?**
4. **HE'S THE SAVIOR OF THE UNFIT!**