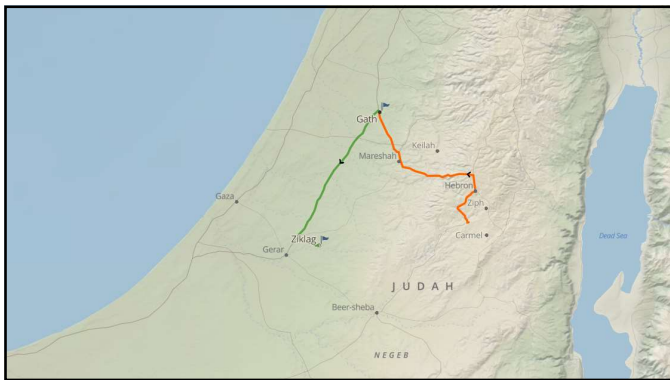


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 - David made a strategic decision to take more control of his situation.
 - As long as David was in territory controlled by Israel, he would have to respond to Saul's unpredictable actions.
 - David and his men also had wives and children who needed more stability than scurrying around in the wilderness to avoid Saul.

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 - It is interesting that he ended up in Gath, the city of Goliath. The adage, "the enemy of my enemy is my friend" ran both ways here.
 - The acceptance of David and his people by Achish, king of Gath, reflects a knowledge by Achish of Saul's campaigns against David.

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 - After some time, David requested and received permission to settle in another town outside the royal city of Gath. (The Philistines had five city-states, each ruled by a king. Gath, Gaza, Ekron, Ashkelon, and Ashdod.)
 - David was in the Philistine territory until the death of Saul, one year and four months later.

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 - David used Ziklag as a base of operation to conduct raids against the remnants of the people God had placed under condemnation when Israel entered the land.
 - This would give David favor in the eyes of the neighboring Israelites.
 - When Achish asked about his activities David claimed he was making raids against the frontier towns of the Israelites and their allies. This had the desired effect of giving Achish a sense of security about David's loyalty to him.

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 - A year and four months later Achish was so convinced of David's loyalty that he asked David and his men to be his personal security force during a military campaign against Israel. 28:1-2

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Lessons

- Be careful how much you allow the sinful actions of others to exercise control over your life.
- Be responsible with people entrusted into your care.
- Be careful not to quickly discount solutions God places before you just because they are not obvious to you.
- Know that God will always provides opportunities to serve Him in any season of life.
- God uses our service to Him to position us for what is ahead.

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