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The Shakespearean
Tragedy of King Saul

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1 Samuel 23:14 (ESV): “Saul sought [David] every day, but God did not give him into his hand.”



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1 Samuel 21:1-3 (ESV): “Then David came to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech came to meet David, trembling, and said to him, ‘Why are you alone, and no one with you?’ 2 And David said to Ahimelech the priest, ‘The king has charged me with a matter and said to me, “Let no one know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you.” I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. 3 Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here.’”



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1 Samuel 22:17 (ESV): “And the king said to the guard who stood about him, ‘Turn and kill the priests of the Lord, because their hand also is with David, and they knew that he fled and did not disclose it to me.’”

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1 Samuel 21:10-15 (EWV): “And David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath. 11 And the servants of Achish said to him, ‘Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances, “Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands”?’ 12 And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath....”



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“...13 So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard. 14 Then Achish said to his servants, ‘Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? 15 Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?’”

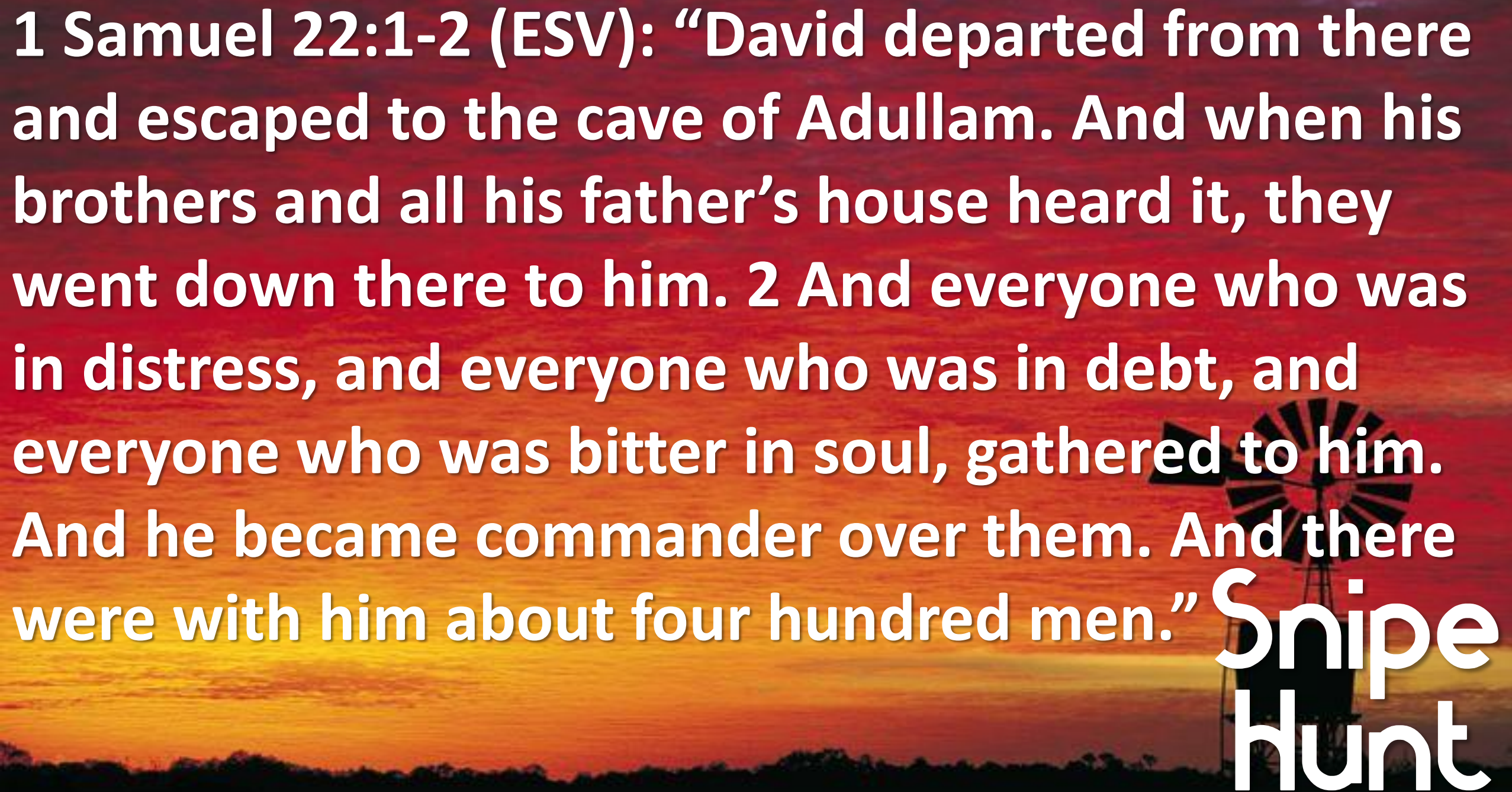


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1 Samuel 22:1-2 (ESV): “David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his brothers and all his father’s house heard it, they went down there to him. 2 And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to him. And he became commander over them. And there were with him about four hundred men.”

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The background of the image is a vibrant sunset with a gradient of orange, red, and yellow. On the right side, there is a black silhouette of a traditional windmill. The text is overlaid on this background, with the main quote in white with a black outline and the title 'Snipe Hunt' in a larger, bold white font at the bottom right.



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**THERE'S NO
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**Main
Point**

1 Peter 1:18-21 (ESV): “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”



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1 John 5:13 (ESV): “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.”



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Ecclesiastes 7:20 (ESV): “Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.”



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Proverbs 4:23 (KJV): “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”



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Luke 6:45 (ESV): “The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”

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1 Peter 4:8 (ESV): “Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.”



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1 Samuel 24:1-4 (ESV): “When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, ‘Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi.’ 2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Wildgoats’ Rocks. 3 And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself...”



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“...Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. 4 And the men of David said to him, ‘Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, “Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.”’ Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.”



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1 Samuel 24:8-11 (ESV): “Afterward David also arose and went out of the cave, and called after Saul, ‘My lord the king!’ And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth and paid homage. 9 And David said to Saul, ‘Why do you listen to the words of men who say, “Behold, David seeks your harm”? 10 Behold, this day your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you today into my hand in the cave....”



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“...And some told me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, “I will not put out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord’s anointed.” 11 See, my father, see the corner of your robe in my hand. For by the fact that I cut off the corner of your robe and did not kill you, you may know and see that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you hunt my life to take it.”

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1 Samuel 24:20-22 (ESV): “And now, behold, I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. 21 Swear to me therefore by the Lord that you will not cut off my offspring after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father’s house.’ 22 And David swore this to Saul. Then Saul went home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.”

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Application





Proverbs 21:1 (ESV): “The king’s heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.”



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Mark 2:22 (ESV): “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins.”



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