

1 Samuel 23:1-29

I. Keilah

- A. Rescue at Keilah
- B. Betrayal at Keilah
- C. The hands of Saul and David

II. Ziph and Engedi

- A. Hiding in Ziph
- B. Engedi

III. The true drama takes place in prayer

- A. Notice how the action slows down
- B. The author *could have* paid more attention to David's conversations with his men, or to the battle itself.
- C. How will you decide whether to take on some new challenge or risk? (2 Corinthians 12:7-9)

IV. We are called to personal risk

- A. Jesus Christ loved us out of obedience to God at tremendous risk to himself.
- B. Avoidance of personal risk is a constant temptation.
- C. What then, of the gospel? (Ephesians 6:12)
- D. Afraid to do something risky? (see 2 Samuel 23:8-23 with 1 Samuel 22:2; Colossians 1:27)

V. We are called to suffer betrayal.

- A. Some of you know what this is like.
- B. Jesus Christ loved us enough to get crucified by us.
- C. Knowing exactly who we are, what we have done and what we will do, Christ laid down his life for us. (Galatians 2:20)