

## THE DARK TIMES

Introduction: God allows His children to go through \_\_\_\_\_ times to teach them lessons about themselves and about others. David is experiencing hard times, but God is using it all for His sovereign \_\_\_\_\_.

- I. Dark times draw us closer with others who are in \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Sam. 22:1-5).
  - A. David leaves enemy territory and gets back into \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Difficult times often strip us of all our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. You may find yourself living in a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ at times.
  - D. Christian \_\_\_\_\_ members can be a great blessing and comfort in the hard times.
  - E. When in hard times, others will be able to \_\_\_\_\_ with you.
  - F. God was forming the foundation of David's \_\_\_\_\_ army.
  - G. We often come out of trials with \_\_\_\_\_ than we went into them with.
  - H. How we handle dark times will speak \_\_\_\_\_ to the unsaved of how real your faith is.
  - I. David took a rough group and groomed them into \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers for the Lord.
  - J. Don't forget to provide \_\_\_\_\_ care for loved ones despite whatever you may be going through.
  - K. Always seek God's \_\_\_\_\_ in the dark times of life.
- II. Dark times reveal the true \_\_\_\_\_ of man (1 Sam. 22:6-23).
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ continued to eat away at Saul.
  - B. There are those who have no \_\_\_\_\_ or fear of God.
  - C. Sin will take you on a downward \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. Anger will cause you to act in \_\_\_\_\_ and make unjust decisions.
  - E. David took \_\_\_\_\_ for the tragedy of the murders.
  - F. Through this terrible circumstance, God sent David a priest who would become part of the tabernacle \_\_\_\_\_ staff in the future.
  - G. We are all in the same \_\_\_\_\_ and need to look out for each other.
  - H. During this time David wrote Psalms \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Conclusion: "In this great hurry and distraction that David was continually in, yet he found both time and a heart for communion with God, and found comfort in it" (Henry).