Developing a Heart like God's An Encouraged Heart 1 Samuel 22

We have a God-given desire to do great things for God. Too often discouragement kills this desire.

David Knew About Discouragement

The Cave – A Little Background

Sooner or later everybody logs some time in the cave!

In the cave you can begin to wonder if God has lost track of you, has forgotten you.

God does some of His best work in caves!

David Also Knew About Encouragement

"And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God." (1 Samuel 30:6)

How to Find Encouragement in the Lord

1.		your heart to the Lord (Psalm 142)
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How honest is your conversation with the Lord?

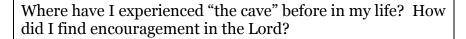
2.	others encouragement from			
•	(22:1)			
•	(22:3-5; 23:16)			
•	(25:32-35)			
W_{i}	Tho do you encourage? Who encourages you? How?			
3.	Be careful to(1 Samuel	24)		
•	There is a connection between the cave and temptation			
•	It is so easy to rationalize a			
W	That shortcuts are you tempted to take today?			
4.	Seek and obey God's(30:7-8)			
"B An Sh	And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, Bring me the ephod." So Abiathar brought the ephod to Davind David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I pursue after this bar hall I overtake them?" He answered him, "Pursue, for you strely overtake and shall surely rescue." (1 Samuel 30:7–8)	nd?		
•	Discouragement destroys			
•	Where there is hope in the future, there isin the present			
•	Sometimes you just have to get off yourand do something			

Are you seeking God's direction for your life? Are you obeying God's counsel for your life?

5.	Find ultimate	in the Lord		
	n you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let n your righteousness deliver me!" (Ps	-		
	h, taste and see that the LORD is goodes refuge in him!" (Psalm 34:8)	od! Blessed is the man who		
•	Sometimes all you can do is trus but in God alone	st God, not in the props		
•	David declared his			
Do you trust more in your God or in your props?				
Jes	sus also knows about caves!			
In caves God brings				

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How can I find encouragement in the Lord for the challenges of today? What do I need more of in my life? (Review questions above)

Who around me does God want to use me to be an encourager in their lives?