

Kicking Away the Crutches

1 Samuel 19-22

God removes our crutches so we will lean on him alone

☐ God removed everything and everyone David leaned on

- Job (1 Samuel 19:8-10)
- Family/Home (1 Samuel 19:11-17)
- Mentor (1 Samuel 19:18; 20:1)
- Friend (1 Samuel 20:42)
- Self-respect (1 Samuel 21:10-15)
- ❖ When everything was taken away, David hit bottom (1 Samuel 22:1-2)

☐ When his crutches were gone, David learned to depend on God alone

- David cried to God for deliverance (Psalm 142:1-7)
- David was intentional about seeking God (Psalm 34:4)
- David discovered that God was his refuge in the midst of trouble (Psalm 57:1-3)
- David was confident that those who trust God are never ashamed (Psalm 34:5, 8)
- David chose to praise God (Psalm 34:1-3; 57:5, 9-11)