



**Lesson 63: Is the enemy of my enemy my friend? 1 Samuel 27:1-12**

Read Matthew 10:26-33. Who does Jesus tell us not to fear?

What does Jesus tell us TO fear?

How much attention does God pay to us? Is He worthy of our trust?

Read Psalm 23. Who is supposed to be our shepherd?

What does a shepherd do?

Where does God, in this Psalm, lead us? Why?

Where will we walk through, when following God?

Does that sound like fun?

What will we not fear? Why?

What will God prepare before us?

What will follow us all our days when we follow God?

What did David forget when he chose to ally himself with the Philistines?

Read Psalm 27:1-14. Again, this is a Psalm of David. As you read this Psalm, you can see that David knew what he was supposed to do....but what he didn't do. What should we trust in?

What one thing does David seek?

What should we seek?

What comfort does David have in verse 10?

Read verses 11-12. Did David do what these verses tell us, in his dealing with Saul and with the Philistines here?

Read verse 14. Did David wait for the Lord, being strong and taking courage from God?

Why might he pass this on to us, when *he* didn't always wait for the Lord?

Read 2 Timothy 1:6-7. What kind of a spirit have we been given from God?

What difference should that make in your daily life?

As you spend time with God today, realize that David didn't do it all perfectly....but he did learn from his mistakes. Re-read Psalm 23 and 27, and take hope in Him, knowing that He will provide the strength you need, even as you are led through the valley of the shadow of death. Ask Him for comfort and strength and ask Him to guide your paths. Ask Him to help you to learn from David's sin, in associating himself with God's enemy, and ask Him to help you to see where He wants you to go. Read Psalm 118:5-9 and take courage, knowing that He is the only one who is faithful, the only one worthy of our trust.