



**Adult Sunday  
School at the  
sanctuary**

**Lesson-8:**  
David among  
the Philistines

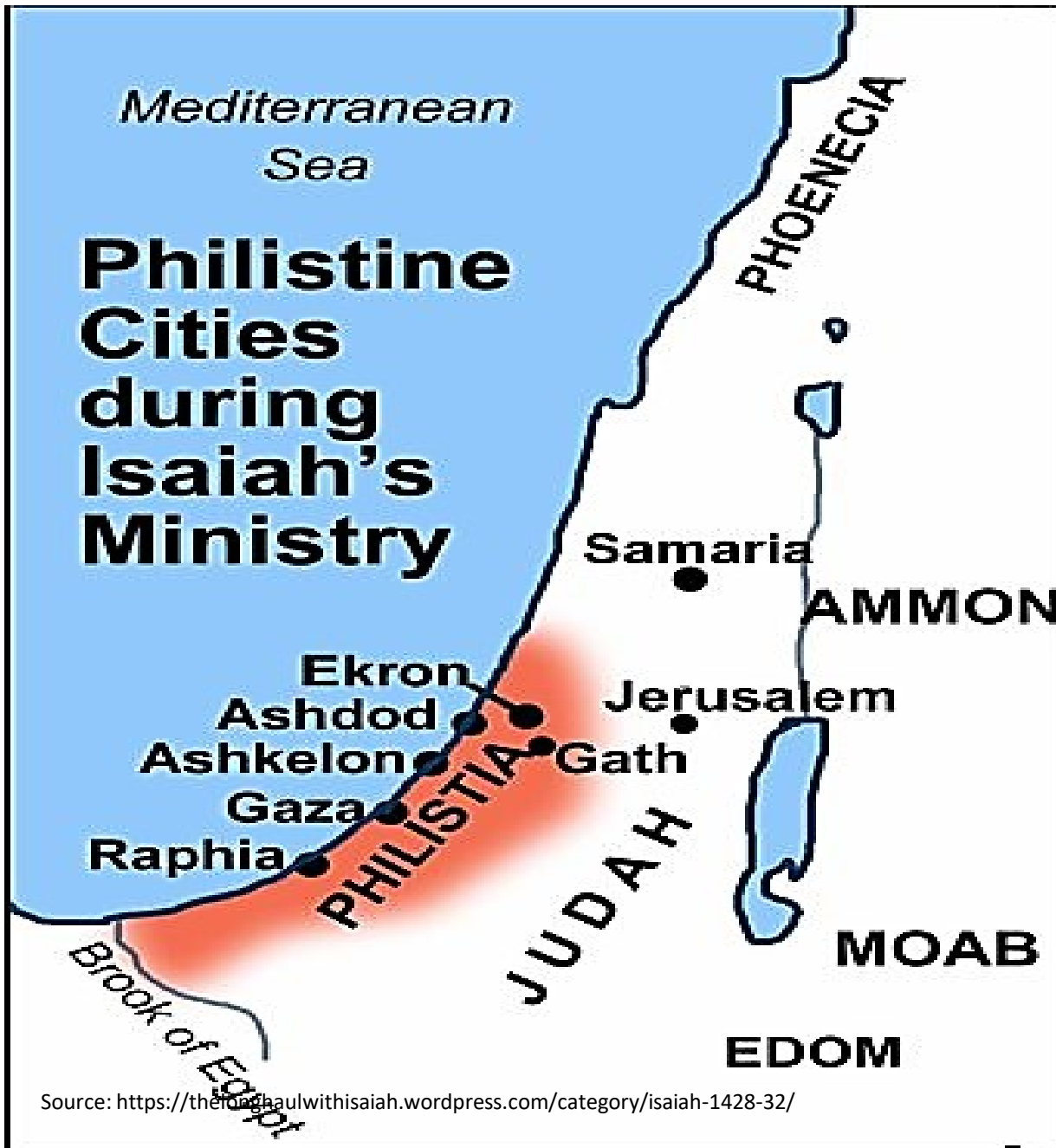
**Date:** 28 Aug  
2022 (Sunday)

**Time:** 9.40am

**Venue:**  
Sanctuary

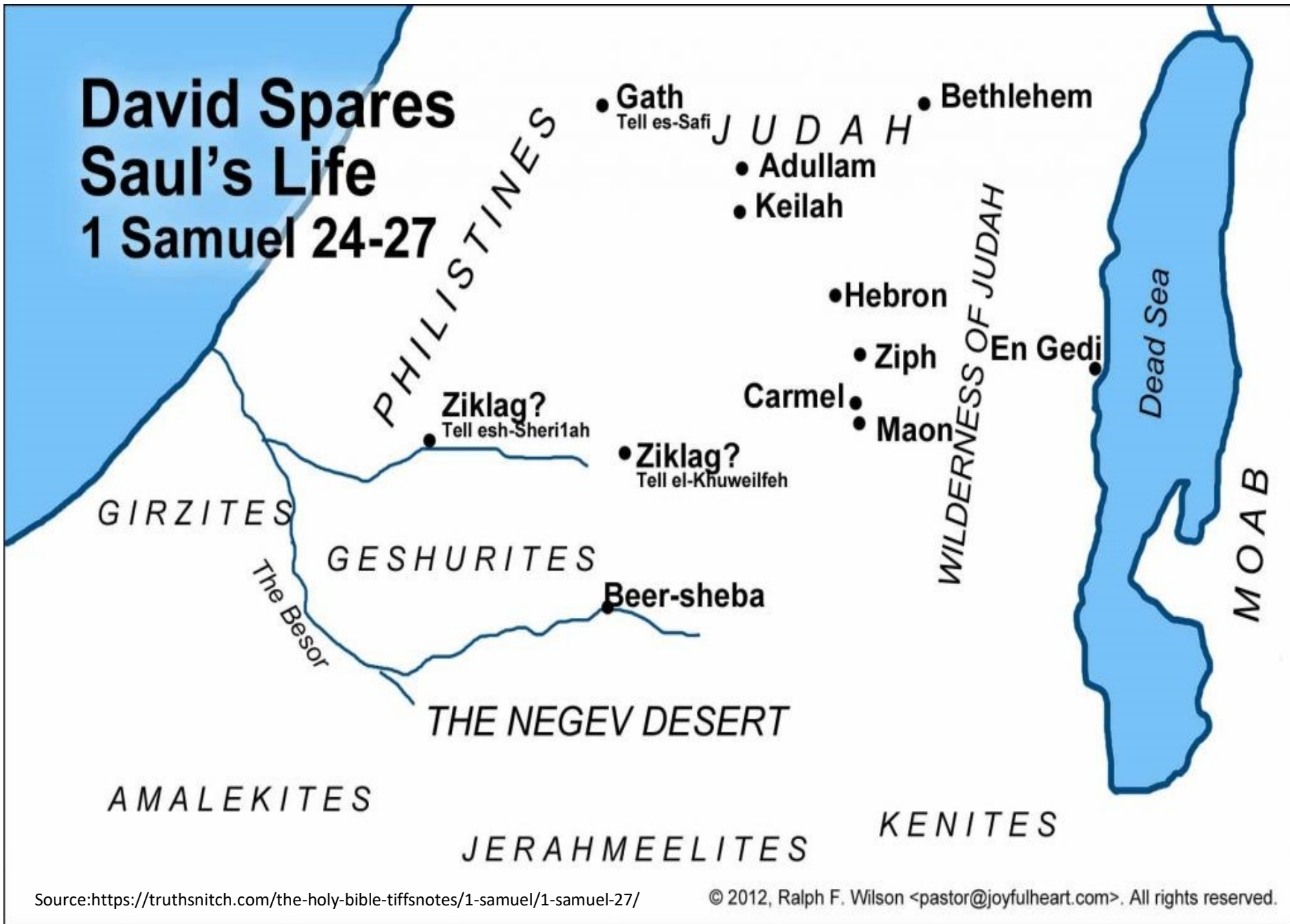
# David 8- David among the Philistines

- (1) Background: David spared Saul's life (1 Sam 24).
- (2) But Saul continued to pursue David. David spared Saul's life again. (1 Sam 26).
- (3) David decided to hide from Saul in Gath (Philistine country). (1 Sam 27:1-4)





# David Spares Saul's Life 1 Samuel 24-27



(4) David settled in Ziklag (1 Sam 27:5-6)

(5) David attacked the Geshurites, Girzites and the Amalekites, but gave an answer to mislead King Achish. (1 Sam 27:8-12)

## **(6) Spiritual Lessons**

(a) Doing the right thing may not have immediate rewards. David spared Saul's life (1 Sam 24), but Saul pursued David again ( 1 Sam 26).

(b) Why did David go to Achish?

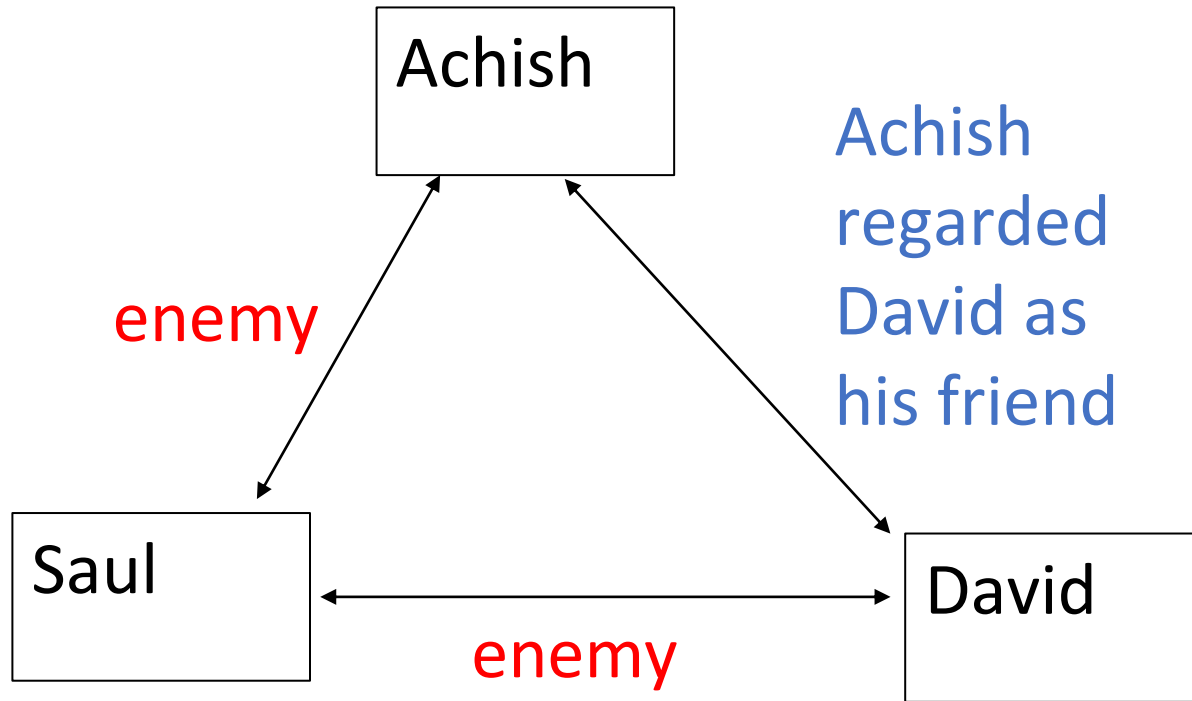
Ans: (i) To take refuge in Philistine country.

(ii) Saul stopped pursuing David.

Application: When we are in trouble, we too seek refuge in prayer and a solution from God.

(c) Why did Achish welcome David?

Ans: Achish and David have a common enemy Saul.



Note: When David was serving Saul, David killed many Philistines.

Application: Hidden agendas from our helper?

- We are expected to repay our helper
- We are expected to align our interest with our helper's interest.
- Be wise as serpent and harmless as doves to discern hidden agendas.

(d) Did David do as what Achish desire?

Ans: (i) No. David did not attack Israel.

(ii) David attacked the Geshurites, Girzites and the Amalekites.

(iii) David gave an ambiguous reply to Achish to mislead Achish to believe that he attacked Judah. (v.10)

The “Jerahmeelites” were a family of Israelites.

The “Kenites” was a tribe living under the protection of Israel.

Application: Commentators do not favour David’s ambiguous reply to Achish. In our dealings, we should not resort to ambiguous and misleading conversation.

(e) David attacked the Geshurites, Girzites and Amalekites but not Judah. In answer to Achish, David gave an ambiguous answer. (1 Sam 27:10-12).

(f) Achish expected David to attack Judah, as David was Saul's enemy. But David did not. And so David had to give an ambiguous answer to mislead Achish to believe that David was attacking Judah (1 Sam 27:10)

(g) We should not give misleading answers. Misleading answers are to deceive.

(h) Sometimes, we are put in a difficult situation in giving an answer. We have to seek God's wisdom to answer wisely.



(h) Jesus Christ's wisdom in answer:

<b>Verse</b>	<b>Question to trap Jesus</b>	<b>Answers which will trap Jesus</b>	<b>Jesus' answer</b>
(i) Matt. 22:15-22	Is it lawful to give tax to Caesar?	If "Yes"- Unpopular answer with the Israelites.  If "No" – Christ will get into trouble with the Roman authority.	Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that belong to God.  Matt. 22:21

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(ii) John 8:3-8:11	The woman was caught in adultery. The law of Moses require stoning of the woman. What does Jesus say?	<p>If "Yes"- Jesus would be seen to be harsh and unforgiving.</p> <p>If "No" – Jesus would be seen to contradict the law of Moses.</p>	<p>He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone.</p> <p>John 8:7</p>

In groups of 2 to 4 persons:

(a) Share how you would answer wisely without telling a lie and causing aggravation when:

(i) a very ill person ask you for his condition;

(ii) your host ask you whether you like the meal the host has prepared  
(you didn't like the meal).

(b) Share how you would discern a person's hidden agendas when helping you? What would you do if you know about the hidden agendas?