

**ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE**  
**Watch For Dead Ends**  
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**LIFE'S DEAD ENDS**

**PATH PRINCIPLE: Direction determines destination**

*We win or lose by the paths we choose.*

**DAVID'S STORY**

**DAVID'S DEAD END**

*David went to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. Ahimelech trembled when he met him, and asked, "Why are you alone? Why is no one with you?"* 1 Samuel 21:1 (NIV)

*David answered Ahimelech the priest, "The king charged me with a certain matter and said to me, 'No one is to know anything about your mission and your instructions.' As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place."* 1 Samuel 21:2 (NIV)

*"Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you can find."* 1 Samuel 21:3 (NIV)

*But the priest answered David, "I don't have any ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some consecrated bread here—provided the men have kept themselves from women."* 1 Samuel 21:4 (NIV)

*David replied, "Indeed women have been kept from us, as usual whenever I set out. The men's things are holy even on missions that are not holy. How much more so today!"* 1 Samuel 21:5 (NIV)

*David asked Ahimelech, "Don't you have a spear or a sword here? I haven't brought my sword or any other weapon, because the king's business was urgent."* 1 Samuel 21:8 (NIV)

*The priest replied, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, is here; it is wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you want it, take it; there is no sword here but that one." David said, "There is none like it; give it to me."* 1 Samuel 21:9 (NIV)

*So he pretended to be insane in their presence; and while he was in their hands he acted like a madman, making marks on the doors of the gate and letting saliva run down his beard.* 1 Samuel 21:13 (NIV)

**TAKING CONTROL**

**HOW'S IT WORKING FOR YOU?**

**DAVID'S LIFE LESSON**

**“DROP TO YOUR KNEES AND LEAN IN”**

*But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.* Isaiah 40:3 (NLT)