

# Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

## God Overrules David

- The assembling of the Philistine forces was complete at Aphek [1 Sam 29:1].
- The lords of the Philistines were proceeding in battle array [1 Sam 29:2].
  - There were five of these lords [Josh 13:3; Jdgs 3:3; 1 Sam 6:16-18].
  - King Achish is the Gittite lord at this time.
- Though David and his men were in the rear with Achish, the commanders of the Philistine army complained about them [1 Sam 29:3-5].
  - Achish defended David to the commanders [v. 3].
  - The commanders knew of David's reputation and were concerned that he would turn and fight against them in the battle [vv. 4-5; 1 Sam 14:21].
- King Achish reluctantly gave in to the demands of the lords [1 Sam 29:6-10].
  - King Achish could find no fault with David [v. 6].
  - David tried to argue his case [v. 8].
  - King Achish insisted that David depart [v. 10].
- David and his men left the assembly of the armies and returned to Ziklag [v. 11].
- Although the lords of the Philistines were the ones who had demanded David's departure, God was at work in this situation to overrule David's carnal decision to fight with King Achish against the armies of Israel (and Saul).
- Had David been walking with God, he would never have agreed to fight against the armies of the living God [1 Sam 17:26].