



Leap Over a Wall: The Life of David

“Wilderness, David at En-Gedi”

1 Samuel 23-24

This week, we enter into the Wilderness with David. He didn't chose to enter the wilderness; he was chased there by King Saul and his men. David was a fugitive, seeking refuge in the badlands, a place of canyons and caves, vultures and scorpions. But for David, and for you and me, it can also a place of safety. For as just as much as it is filled with danger and a harsh environment, it is filled with God. And EVERYBODY—at least everybody who has anything to do with God—spends time in the wilderness. It is vital to know what can take place there. It is hard to believe, but the years that David spent in the wilderness were some of the best years of his life. Will you be able to say the same?

For thought:

- Name a time when you were plunged into “circumstantial wilderness”:
- How alert has it made you to God and the extraordinary preciousness of life?
- Describe some of your feelings/thoughts/actions during your wilderness days?
- Were they (are they) based more on faith or fear?
- The wilderness taught David to see beauty everywhere: in life and in others. It also taught he to see God in places and things he would never have thought to look previously. What lessons have you learned from your time in the wilderness?
- Jesus spent time the in wilderness, a period which prepared him to be our Savior. He prayed and fasted, seeking discernment. After hearing about David's time in the wilderness, what are your prayers to your Savior during your time in the wilderness?