

Sermon Notes Page  
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Messages from the Wilderness #3  
A Wilderness of Our Own Making  
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1 Samuel 11:1-3

1. Week 1 – Joseph – a wilderness of being taken advantage of.
2. Week 2 – Naomi - Book of Ruth – a wilderness of tragedy.
3. Week 3 – David – a wilderness of his own making
  - a. David was the hero of the nation.
    - i. Even more than Moses – almost as popular as Jesus
    - ii. Wrote/is in 75 of 150 Psalms
    - iii. David and Goliath
    - iv. 1 Samuel 13 – “A man after God’s own heart.”
  - b. David believed his own press.
    - i. 2 Samuel 11:1 – He stayed home.
    - ii. He gave into temptation – because he thought he was entitled.
    - iii. The coverup was worse than the crime.
      1. Contrast David’s actions with Uriah’s.
      2. Broke the 10, 8, 7, 6, and 1 commandments.
  - c. God is the God of second chances.
    - i. David repented and was forgiven.
      1. 1 Chronicles 29:26-28.
    - ii. But there still may be consequences to deal with.
      1. His children are a mess.
      2. The nation of Israel eventually gets lost to a civil war.
      3. They are exiled in punishment for turning from God.