



The Story of David

⑤ David Became a Runaway

- Narration** King Saul was convinced that David was trying to take his throne, so he tried to kill David.
- Saul** That rascal... You rascal... Die! Die!
- David** Arrrrgh
- Narration** When David was suffering, it was Jonathan, King Saul's son and David's best friend that helped him.
- Jonathan** Father, why are you trying to kill David?
- Narration** Jonathan and David had to part ways. They hugged each other and wept as they said their farewells to one another.
- David** Waaah~~
- Moon** Me too, waaaah~~~~
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- Narration** At King Saul's order, the nation mobilised the police and army to catch David and David had to keep running farther and farther away.
- Saul** You rascal! Stop right there~~~
- Narration** David even ran away to another country. He tried to hide there but people could tell he was General David of Israel and it got very dangerous for him.
- Foreigner 1** Ta shou David?
- Foreigner 2** He must be David.
- Foreigner 3** David-san desuka?
- Narration** Right then.. By drooling and pretending to be crazy, David was just about able to overcome the danger.
- David** He..he.. puppy...filly...pickled cucumbers...bucket...here is me...me not David...hehe...
- Foreigner 1** PoosPoos
- Foreigner 2** No no He's not.
- Foreigner 3** Guess he is not.
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- Narration** David, who had been fleeing non-stop to avoid being seen by other people and being caught by King Saul finally found a good hiding place.
- David** Oh yea~
- Narration** The hiding place was a cave. David called it "Adullam", meaning "refuge".



David This is a perfect hide-out! King Saul will never be able to find this place... I will hide out here for the time being.

Narration Whilst David was hiding out in the Adullam cave, the number of people suffering in Israel under King Saul's rule grew and grew. There were many suffering in hardship... There were many suffering in debt... And there were still many who were embittered and oppressed...

Person 1 Ah... life is too hard...

Person 2 What do you mean taxes..? We don't even have.

Person 3 How can this be...how can this be...the tears just won't stop...

Narration They were all suffering under King Saul's rule and wanted to runaway. Gradually, the people started to gather around David in his Adullam cave.

Person 1 General David!

Person 2 General David!

Person 3 General David!

David How..? How did you find this place?

Narration The people gathered around David and told him of the sufferings and difficulties they had had to face.

Person 1 It was so and so...

Person 2 And because of this and that...

Person 3 It was such and such.

David I see. Ok. From now on you will stay with me here. We will take care of each other and live like real human beings. I will look after you and protect you.

Narration And so, many who were suffering, who were in debt and in pain, who were oppressed and embittered began to gather around David. Much like Jesus who met with the poor, the sick and the suffering and cared for them. From then on the people lived with David, sharing with him in joy and sorrow until the day David became the King of Israel. Although David had to leave his country and the royal palace because of King Saul and although he lived in suffering as a result, it was in and through his suffering that he met the special people that would be with him for the rest of his life.