

God sometimes sends up deep into enemy territory for our benefit

Exodus 20:21

The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

Psalm 23:4&5

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

God has prepared a table for us in the presence of our enemies

1. <u>Matthew 16:13ff</u>

Jesus takes his disciples to Caesarea Philippi – to the 'Gates of Hell'

In the enemy's camp – you find your identity.

"You are the Christ!" "You are Peter"

Genesis 32:21-24

So Jacob's gifts went on ahead of him, but he himself spent the night in the camp. That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak.

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2. <u>1 Kings 17:8ff</u>

Elijah goes to Zarapath, 85 miles away, which was Sidonian. The king of the area was Jezebel's father.

In the enemy's camp – you find your provision

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3. <u>2 Kings 7:3</u>

The lepers went to the enemy camp *In the enemy's camp – you find your hope*

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DAVID AT ZIGLAG 1 Samuel 30 at Ziglag Ziglag = a measure, pressed down David had been living 16 months in the enemy's territory Everything had gone wrong BUT he sought God God answered He pursued the enemy He recovered ALL He discovered GODS BLESSING In the enemy's camp – you find your WORD

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ESTHER
In the enemy's camp – you find your MOMENT

SAMSON In the enemy's camp – you find your STRENGTH

NEHEMIAH In the enemy's camp – you find your FAVOUR

DANIEL In the enemy's camp – you find your LION TAMER

SHADRACH, MESHACH & ABEDNEGO In the enemy's camp – you find GOD'S PRESENCE

PAUL Acts 21:7-14

⁷ And when we had finished *our* voyage from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, greeted the brethren, and stayed with them one day. ⁸ On the next *day* we who were Paul's companions^[b] departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was *one*of the seven, and stayed with him. ⁹ Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. ¹⁰ And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his *own* hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles.'"

¹² Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³ Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

 $^{\rm 14}\,{\rm So}$ when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord be done."

"Why are you breaking my heart?"

In the enemy's camp – you find your YOURSELF