

APRIL 29

**“SEASONED FAITH IS A QUIET,  
DETERMINED CONFIDENCE THAT  
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**READ**

*I Samuel 22:1-2*

How does God treat the people He really loves? David, a man after God's own heart, found himself hunted, living in a cave, joined by all who were discontent, in distress and in debt. You may be removed from comfort, even from a place where you thought you were serving God. All you've done for Him seems forgotten. What is God trying to do? God put David in this situation not to teach him faith, but to teach him seasoned faith. God doesn't use arrogant faith. Seasoned faith doesn't have to stomp and yell and proclaim. It is a quiet, determined confidence that what God promised, He will do. Any faith that is independent and not seasoned is presumptuous faith. Jesus did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. God even let David go live with the enemy, but He didn't leave him there. Our strength comes from God. His mercies are sure, and what He did for David, He'll surely do for you.

**PRAY**

God, help me to accept when You place me in uncomfortable, distressing situations to season my faith. When I find myself in a cave, may I say as David did, "My soul trusts in You, and in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge."

*From April 29, 2012*