There were primarily 3 things that David struggled with during his fugitive years of living in an emotional minefield:

I. David’s Struggle With (I Samuel 21-23)

- I Samuel 20:3
  - David’s struggle with discouragement was largely _______ - _________!

A. In The City Of , A Lack Of Caused Him To Speak (21:1-9)
  - What was the significance of the city of Nob? (I Samuel 4)
  - In the Hebrew the word translated “trembling” actually means “to_______, or to be in ________.”
  - Why did Ahimelech respond that way when he saw David, and how did David respond to Ahimelech’s question?

  Lying doesn’t our problems, it only them!

  - In his attempt to get away from Saul there were 2 things that David needed: 1) he needed _______ (vv 3-6), and 2) he needed ___________ (vv 8-9).

  - When ______ takes over a man’s life, no place is ________!

  - David’s attempt to deceive the high priest was an obvious demonstration of his lack of ________ in God to provide for his ________.

  - Because of Saul’s deep-seated hatred for David he ordered that Ahimelech, along with ______ other priests and their families, to be killed. (I Samuel 22:18)

- Psalm 52

B. In The Town Of , A Lack Of Caused Him To Act (21:10-15)


  - David fled because his _______ of an earthly sovereign was greater then his ________ in the Heavenly Sovereign!
Where did David flee? (v 11b)

The place to which David fled simply underscores the __________ of his actions!

David was going to the __________ for comfort and protection, he was going to the __________ in order to find help in the time trouble!

How did David respond when he heard them singing his song? (vv 12-13)

Spiritually speaking, this was an incredibly __________ moment in the life of a man who had been anointed by God to be the next king of Israel!

When David drew close to God __________ fell, but when he didn’t _____ fell!

Evidence that David experienced a spiritual __________ can be seen in the 2 Psalms that he wrote during his experiences in Gath - Psalms 34 and 56.

C. In The Cave Of __________, A Lack Of __________ Caused Him To Think __________ (22:1)

The name actually means “__________”.

Psalm 142, 57, 32

At this point in his life, David was completely alone, and in that situation David began to do what most of us do - he began to feel __________ for __________!

There were at least 3 ways in which God met David’s needs in that critical hour:

1) God Sent David’s __________ To __________ Him (22:1b)

2) God Sent A __________ Of __________ To __________ Him (22:2; 23:213
   ○ I Chronicles 12:22; II Samuel 23:8-39; I Chronicles 11:10-47

3) God Himself Supernaturally __________ Him (23:14)

Conclusion:

How did David overcome his discouragement? 3 steps:

- Step #1 - He Acknowledged His __________ - In Psalm 142 we see David on his __________!

- Step #2 - He Cried Out For __________ - In Psalm 57, here we see David on his __________!

- Step #3 - He Gained God’s __________ - In Psalm 34, here we see David on his __________!

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.