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Title: The Danger of Misplaced Support, Part 3!

Text: 1 Samuel 29:8

David called the Israelites his enemies!

When we do not separate from the world:

1 - The people of God look like our enemies.

- David was calling his own people, enemies because of a skewed perception based on personal hurt.
- We must not allow our hurt to dictate a move of separation from the people we must be with.

2 - Instead of desiring to lead/befriend them, we want to destroy them.

- Why would David have such hatred for all of Israel when it was really just Saul who had hurt him?
- The more time we spend hearing the views of the enemy, the more they enter into our life and change our value system.

The lies of the enemy have a way of entering in.

This is so true in the algorithm of our life. If our shorts feed were to be made public, people could

easily see what is feeding our attention...our perception...our devotion...our truth.

3 - Our enemies become our loyalty while God's people become casualties.

- David asks, "What have I done wrong?" to the king of the Philistines.
- He is desperately looking for validation from the wrong source.

David needed to man up to the responsibility of being set apart for God and for His people.

- So often we will not push into responsibility because we are prone to desire chaos instead.
- This is why it is easier to live in mess than in order.
- It is easier to live in sadness than in happiness because sadness takes no effort and is given to chaos. Happiness takes responsibility and given to discipline.

4 - We deny our calling!

- David was called to be Israel's king, leader, and protector. Not their destroyer.
- We are called to more than what our fear tells us!

5 - We actually fight against God.

- Disdain for His people (His Church) is disdain for Him.

No matter what we face or the hurt we go through because of *one* individual who turns an army against us, the people of God are still His! God will deal with the rebellious person.