

# OUR CRUTCHES IN LIFE

I Samuel 18, 19, 20

## I. Truth About Crutches

A. What is a crutch?

Things we look to, lean or depend upon for

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

B. What are some examples of crutches?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Why are crutches dangerous to our Christian lives?

1. They become \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lord.

2. They keep our focus \_\_\_\_\_.

3. They offer \_\_\_\_\_ relief.

D. What should the child of God's crutch be?

Deuteronomy 33:27

*"The \_\_\_\_\_ is thy refuge, and  
underneath are the \_\_\_\_\_:"*

## II. Removal of David's Crutches

A. God uses \_\_\_\_\_ to remove our crutches.

David's crisis: I Sam. 18:5-19:1

B. David's crutches removed

1. Crutch one: David's \_\_\_\_\_ (19:8-10a)

2. Crutch two: David's \_\_\_\_\_ (19:11b-17)

3. Crutch three: David's \_\_\_\_\_ (19:18-19; 20:1a)

4. Crutch four: David's \_\_\_\_\_ (20:1-42)

5. Crutch five: David's \_\_\_\_\_ (21:10-15)

### III. "Leaning"; Lessons For Life's Cripples To Learn

God desires to be our strength, support, and security, without a single rival...without one other substitute.

- A. There is nothing wrong with leaning...if you are leaning on the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Being stripped of all substitutes – crutches – can be the most \_\_\_\_\_ of life's experiences.
  - C. What crutches in your life do you need to eliminate so that God will be your \_\_\_\_\_ source of strength and security?
  - D. When God becomes our crutch:
    1. We will never need a \_\_\_\_\_.
    2. It keeps our focus \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. He becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ relief.
- Ps. 42:1-6; 63:1-8; 73:25-78