

The God of the Cave Dwellers

Life in the Cave, Week Two

The **CAVE** is where God is going to do his great work of preparation in your life!

THE CHILEAN MINERS -

- August 5, 2010, the San Jose mine collapsed.
- 33 men trapped below.
- 17 days with NO communication with anyone on the ground.
- Established a mini-democracy and rationed food and water.
- October 13, rescue! (53 days)
- 22 of the 33 got saved, starting with Jose Henriquez.

Live change happens in the cave!

1 Samuel 22:1-2 NIV

David left Gath and **escaped to the cave** of Adullam. When his brothers and his father's household heard about it, they went down to him there. All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their commander. About four hundred men were with him.

Three things God builds into you in the **CAVE**.

1. Christ: You get to know who your Savior really is.

1 Corinthians 2:2-5 NIV

I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

Government isn't your savior. Trump isn't your savior. Biden isn't your savior. Wall Street isn't your savior. Your spouse isn't your savior. Jesus alone can save!

[PRAYER FOR SALVATION, RIGHT HERE]

2. Cause: You get to know what really matters about life.

What's your cause? What breaks your heart?

1 Samuel 17:28-29 NKJV

Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." And David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?"

The causes that break my heart...

- The gospel getting to everyone
- Broken marriages and families
- Racial justice and equality
- Poverty in NWA

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3. Community: You get to know who your people are.

1 Peter 2:9-10 NIV

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

MY people are NOT the perfect, the righteous, or those who have it all together with something to prove about their performance, popularity, or perfection.

MY people know what it's like to be broken, to be outcast, to be the least, the last, and the lost. MY people are the recipients and givers of grace.

And MY people are on a mission to tell as many people as we can the good news.