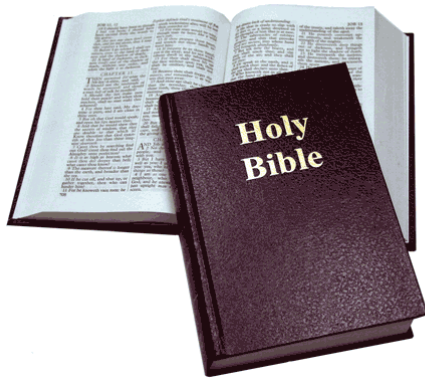


# *Spiritual Experiences from David's Psalms*

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Reading: Psalm 54:1-7



*“How to be the odd one out”*

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions  
Tuesday 28th/Wednesday 29th August

***Recommended Background Reading***  
***1 Samuel 23 & 26***

Christians are increasingly becoming the ‘odd one out’! Sometimes it seems that everything is against us and we are making little progress as we swim against the tide.

David in escaping from Saul has been betrayed by an Edomite; that is understandable. But now in 1 Samuel 23 he has been betrayed by the people of Ziph; men of his own Tribe in Judah. Here in this Psalm David shows us ‘How to be the odd-one-out’.

- 1) In verses 1-2 David refers to three things about God that enable him to bring this prayer. *What do these things tell us about his understanding of his God?*
- 2) What does David mean in verse 3 by the ‘strangers’ that have risen up against him? How does that relate to us as Christians in today’s world?
- 3) What does verse 4 suggest about David’s understanding of God’s work in his life?
- 4) What two attributes of God does David identify in verse 5 and why do they give him confidence?
- 5) What should we understand by what David says about ‘freewill offering’ and ‘sacrifice’? How do we translate that into how we should respond to God’s goodness today?
- 6) Verse 7 suggests a confidence in something that has not yet happened. *What can we learn from David’s approach that will help us live the ‘victorious’ Christian life?*