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David was in great danger; for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in spirit for their sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in YHWH his God. David said to the priest Abiathar son of Ahimelech, "Bring me the ephod." So Abiathar brought the ephod to David. **David inquired of YHWH, "Shall I pursue this band? Shall I overtake them?" He answered him, "Pursue; for you shall surely overtake and shall surely rescue."** So David set out, he and the six hundred men who were with him. They came to the Wadi Besor, where those stayed who were left behind.

23.9-13, 16

When David learned that Saul was plotting evil against him, he said to the priest Abiathar, "Bring the ephod here." David said, "O YHWH, the God of Israel, your servant has heard that Saul seeks to come to Keilah, to destroy the city on my account. And now, **will Saul come down as your servant has heard? O YHWH, the God of Israel, I beseech you, tell your servant.**" YHWH said, "He will come down." Then David said, "Will the men of Keilah surrender me and my men into the hand of Saul?" YHWH said, "They will surrender you." Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, set out and left Keilah; they wandered wherever they could go. When Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah, he gave up the expedition.... Saul's son Jonathan set out and came to David at Horesh; there **he strengthened his hand through YHWH.**