

# 1 Samuel 30:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

## Analysis

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David's immediate request for the ephod demonstrates his spiritual instinct under pressure. Rather than reacting in anger, fear, or self-defense, he seeks divine guidance. The ephod, which Abiathar had brought when fleeing Saul's massacre at Nob (23:6-9), contained the Urim and Thummim for divine consultation. David's first response to crisis is inquiry of the LORD, contrasting sharply with Saul's forbidden consultation in chapter 28. Two leaders facing crisis turn to opposite sources.

## Historical Context

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The ephod was the priestly garment containing pockets for the Urim and Thummim, sacred lots for divine guidance. Abiathar's presence with David meant legitimate priestly inquiry was available, unlike Saul who had killed the priests and lost this access.

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. What is your instinctive response to crisis: action, fear, or seeking God's guidance?
2. How does having access to legitimate spiritual resources shape decision-making under pressure?

## Interlinear Text

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אָמַר	וַיֹּאמֶר	דָּוִד:	אֵל	אֲבִיָּתָר	ר	הַכֹּהֵן	בֶּן	אֲחִימֶלֶךְ	לֵךְ
said	And David	H413	And Abiathar	the priest	son	Ahimelech's			
H559	H1732		H54	H3548	H1121	H288			
	וְגַם		אֶל	לִי	נָא	הָאֶפֶד	וְ	וְגַם	
I pray thee bring me hither	H4994	H0	the ephod	I pray thee bring me hither					
H5066			H646	H5066					
אֲבִיָּתָר	אֶת	הָאֶפֶד	וְ	אֵל	דָּוִד:				
And Abiathar	H853	the ephod	H413	And David					
H54		H646		H1732					

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 2:26** (References David): And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord GOD before David my father, and because thou hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted.