

PURSUE

THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART

**DAVID PURSUED GOD
AND GREW
IN HIS CALLING**

Calling: when God separates someone to Himself and then singles them out for a purpose.

² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

Acts 13:2 (NIV)

“Ecclesia” – Greek word for church: “called out ones.”

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ From there David went to Mizpah in Moab and said to the king of Moab, "Would you let my father and mother come and stay with you until I learn what God will do for me?" ⁴ So he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him as long as David was in the stronghold. ⁵ But the prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold. Go into the land of Judah." So David left and went to the forest of Hereth.

1 Samuel 22:1-5 (NIV)

HE GROWS OUR CALL THROUGH DIVINE ADDITION

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DAVID'S FLIGHT FROM SAUL

- City
- ⓪ Numbered movements of David
- ← Route of David from Saul (as far as Mizpah of Moab #5)
- ← Route of David from Saul (as far as Keilah #8)
- ← Route of David from Saul (as far as Wilderness of Maon #13)
- ← Route of David from Saul (as far as Ziklag #15)
- ← David's offensive actions (#16-19)
- ← David becomes king at Hebron (#20)
- ★ Battle scene

0 10 20 Miles
0 10 20 Kilometers

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

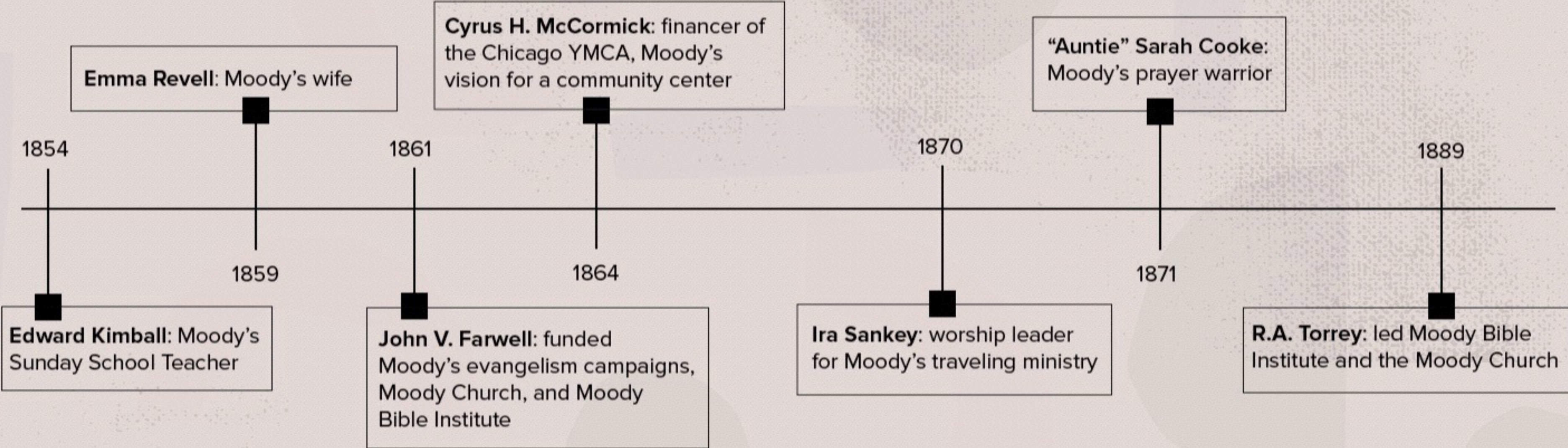
PHILISTIA



Place where David has chance to slay his rival (1 Sam. 24:1-7)



DIVINE ADDITION IN D.L. MOODY'S CALL



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1 Samuel 22:3-4 (NIV)

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- Kingdom Structures = Divine Guardrails
- Key: Submission to Kingdom structures is always fundamental to Kingdom progress.
- Submission: honoring those things that are greater than ourselves.

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Kingdom Structures & Divine Guardrails in our lives:

1. Marriage
2. Family
3. Employment
4. Government
5. Education

THE BILLY GRAHAM RULE



Graham had a personal rule in which he was accountable to his close circle at the Billy Graham Association. He would not travel with, meet with, or eat alone with a woman other than his wife Ruth.

Graham biographer Grant Wacker observed, “Over the years Graham received intense media scrutiny, but hardly anyone accused him of violating [this] principle.”

TA-NEHISI COATES

National Book Award Winner

Author of the screenplay,

Black Panther



I've been with my spouse for almost 15 years. In those years, I've never been with anyone but the mother of my son. But that's not because I am an especially good and true person. In fact, I am wholly in possession of an unimaginable filthy and mongrel mind. But I am also a dude who believes in guardrails. I don't believe in getting 'in the moment' and then exercising will power. I believe in avoiding 'the moment.' I believe that the battle is lost at Happy Hour, not at the hotel. I am not a 'good man.' But I am prepared to be an honorable one.

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Only Kingdom structures can withstand the unholy forces of this life:

1. The Forces of Darkness
2. The Forces of this World
3. The Forces of Our Own Flesh and Fallen Nature

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1 Samuel 22:5 (NIV)

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¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

Romans 8:14 (NIV)

²¹ Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

Isaiah 30:21 (NIV)