

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

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“MAKING A COME BACK”
IN THE WALK OF FAITH

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

I Samuel 30:7-31

We left David in the Camp of the Philistines
As he was seeking shelter from Saul.

No doubt, it was a Season when David was experiencing a
Lapse

How We Handle Difficulties and Challenges
Reveals what we are spiritually made of...

Last Time...

1 Samuel 30:1-6

Now it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag, on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire, ² and had taken captive the women and those who were there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried them away and went their way. ³ So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive. ⁴ Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep. ⁵ And David's two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive. ⁶ Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

Maybe Your Faith is Being Stretched – Right Now!

It May be Because of – a Physical Challenge

It May be Because of – a Financial Squeeze

It May be Because of – a Relationship gone South

It May be Because of – a Spiritual Lesson

It May Also Be Because of - Wrong Decisions

Maybe Your Faith is Being Stretched – Right Now!
Because God is Drawing You Closer

MAKING A COME BACK, IN THE WALK OF FAITH

⁶ *Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. **But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.***

Strengthened / Encouraged 2388. chazaq, khaw-zak´

to fasten yourself to or upon something greater. To glue or bind yourself to a pillar. To fortify yourself in the power of another. To behave valiantly because of the presences of another!

MAKING A COME BACK, IN THE WALK OF FAITH

1.) Call Out to the Lord

vv. 7-10

1 Samuel 30:7-10

Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, **"Please bring the ephod here to me."** And Abiathar brought the ephod to David. ⁸ **So David inquired of the LORD**, saying (asking), **(1)** "Shall I pursue this troop? **(2)** Shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, **(1)** "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake *them* and **(2)** without fail recover *all*." ⁹ **So David went**, he and the six hundred men who *were* with him, and came to the Brook Besor, where those stayed who were left behind. ¹⁰ But David pursued, he and the four hundred men; for the two hundred men who stayed *behind*, were so weary that they could not cross the Brook Besor.

Call Out to the Lord

1a.) When you feel like you've reached the end

Verse 7

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David is Now Back "On-line" with The Lord

We can become complacent,
even routine in our fellowship with God

He is Desperate... BEFORE THE LORD!!!

It's when **Moses** heard from God a Second Time!

It's when **Elijah** heard from God again!

Acts 18:9-11

Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "**Do not be afraid**, but speak, and do not keep silent; ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city." ¹¹ so he continued *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Call Out to the Lord

1b.) Even though you're alone

Verse 8-9

...**So David inquired of the LORD**, saying (asking), **(1)** "Shall I pursue this troop? **(2)** Shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, **(1)** "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake *them* and **(2)** without fail recover *all*." ⁹ **So David went**, he and the six hundred men who *were* with him, and came to the Brook Besor, where those stayed who were left behind.

Call Out to the Lord

1c.) Because you are a work in progress

Verse 10

But David pursued, he and the four hundred men;
**for the two hundred men who stayed *behind*, were so weary
that they could not cross the Brook Besor.**

In Times of Pressure – We Fail

Vision, Passion & Action

So much so that others could not keep up with him
We Just Cannot Go Another Step

David Has Repented, Thus Revived, Thus Engaged

This is the David we Know
Vision Restored / Energized by Passion / Unstoppable Action

Psalm 138:7-8

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me. ⁸ The LORD will perfect *that which* concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, *endures* forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

These Guys Belonged to David

Regardless of their power (less)
Regardless of their statues (less)
Regardless of their knowledge (less)

Are You Powerful - or (less) ?

Are You Influential - or (less) ?

Are You Knowledgeable - or (less) ?

Psalm 18:35-37 NLT

You give me your shield of victory, and **your** right hand sustains me; **you** stoop down to make me great. ³⁶ **You** broaden the path beneath me, so that my ankles do not turn. (result) ³⁷ **I pursued** my enemies and **I overtook them;**
I did not turn back till they were destroyed.

Informational Data on the Topic of Events

1 Samuel 30:11-16

Then they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David; and they gave him bread and he ate, and they let him drink water. ¹² And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. So when he had eaten, his strength came back to him; for he had eaten no bread nor drunk water for three days and three nights. ¹³ Then David said to him, "To whom do you *belong*, and where *are* you from?" And he said, "I *am* a young man from Egypt, servant of an Amalekite; and my master left me behind, because three days ago I fell sick. ¹⁴ We made an invasion of the southern

area of the Cherethites, in the *territory* which *belongs* to Judah, and of the southern area of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.” ¹⁵ And David said to him, “Can you take me down to this troop?” So he said, “Swear to me by God that you will neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will take you down to this troop. ¹⁶ And when he had brought him down, there they were, spread out over all the land, eating and drinking and dancing, because of all the great spoil which they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah.

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2.) *Obey Him in What He says*

vv. 17-20

Then David **attacked them** from break of day until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. ¹⁸ So David **recovered all** that the Amalekites had carried away, and David **rescued his two wives**. ¹⁹ And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; **David recovered all**. ²⁰ Then David took all the flocks and herds they had driven before those *other* livestock, and said,
“**This is David’s spoil.**”

Was it Really David’s Spoil?
(Yes, it was, because God had Given it)
*We really can’t own anything
unless God gives it to us...*

Earlier, Samuel Rebuked King Saul...

1 Samuel 15:22

So Samuel said: “Has the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in He does in obeying the voice of the LORD? **Behold, to obey (to do) is better than sacrifice, And to heed (listen) better than the fat of rams.**”

In the Old Testament Times,
economy, God would reward obedience with wealth and long life...

In the New Testament Times,
economy, God reward's obedience with ministry to others

Obey Him in What He says

2a.) God will give you the plan – (the wisdom)

Verse 17

Then David **attacked** them from break of day until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled.

Obey Him in What He says

2b.) God will give you the victory – (the restoration)

Verse 18-19

So David **recovered all** that the Amalekites had carried away, and David **rescued his two wives**.¹⁹ And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; **David recovered all**.

Joel 2:25-26

“So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you.²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame.

Obey Him in What He says

2c.) God will give you the reward – (the fruit)

Verse 20

Then David took all the flocks and herds they had driven before those
All the other livestock, and they said,
“This is David’s spoil.”

They said...
“This is David’s Spoil.”

MAKING A COME BACK,
IN THE WALK OF FAITH

3.) *And walk in His likeness*

vv. 21-26

1 Samuel 30:21-26

Now David came to the two hundred men who had been so weary that they could not follow David, whom they also had made to stay at the Brook Besor. So they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him. And when David came near the people, **he greeted them.** ²² Then all the wicked and worthless men of those who went with David answered and said, “Because they did not go with us, we will not give them *any* of the spoil that we have recovered, except for every man’s wife and children, that they may lead *them* away and depart.” ²³ But David said, “My brethren, **you shall not do so with what the LORD has given us**, who (GOD) has **preserved** us and (GOD) has **delivered** into our hand the troop that came against us. ²⁴ For who will heed you in this matter? **But as his part is who goes down to the battle, so shall his part be who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike.** ²⁵ So it was, from that day forward; he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day. ²⁶ Now when David came to Ziklag, he sent *some* of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, “Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD”—

And walk in His likeness

3a.) *Walk in His Mercy – (He comes to us)*

Verse 21

Now David came to the two hundred men who had been so weary that they could not follow David, whom they also had made to stay at the Brook Besor...

they who could not follow...

The Lord Never Prostitutes His Children
He Never Has His Children Pay the Bill

He is Always More Concerned About the Missionary,
Then He is The Mission

David Saw Things Differently - Rightly

Acts 13:22

And when God had removed Saul, He raised up for the people David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, "*I have found David the son of Jesse, a man **after My own heart**, who will do **all My will.***"

And walk in His likeness

3b.) Walk in His Grace – (He encourages us)

Verse 21

So they went out to meet David and to meet the people who *were* with him. And when David came near the people, **he greeted them...**

...he greeted them!

What does that mean?
What does that look like?

**Jesus' Post Resurrection Appearances
were very encouraging...**

Matthew 28:9-10

And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, **(Boy are you guys slow learners)** “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, **“Do not be afraid. Go *and* tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”**

**Be Like That Toward Other's
Who are Weary at Well Doing**

Galatians 6:9-10 KJV

And let us not be weary (BECAUSE WE GET WEARY) in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. ¹⁰ As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Hands Hanging / Heart Pounding / Chest Crushing

We Have a “Post Resurrection Appearance” To Make Also
- *Look for Opportunities to be Like Jesus*

PRACTICE HIS PRESCENCES while walking!!!

And walk in His likeness

3c.) Walk in His Generosity – (He gives in abundance)

Verse 24

But as his part *is* who goes down to the battle, so *shall* his part *be* who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike.”

Matthew 20:1-15

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. ⁵ Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, “Because no one hired us.’ He said to

them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.' ⁸ "So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them *their* wages, beginning with the last to the first.' ⁹ And when those came who *were hired* about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. ¹⁰ But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. ¹¹ And when they had received *it*, they complained against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last *men* have worked *only* one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' ¹³ But he answered one of them and said, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take *what is yours* and go your way. I wish to give to this last man *the same* as to you. ¹⁵ Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?"

John 10:9-11

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

It's How Paul and His Ministers Walked

Acts 18:22-23

And when Paul had landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church at Jerusalem, then he went down to Antioch. ²³ After he had spent some time *there*, he departed and went over into the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, **strengthening** (encouraging them abundantly) all the disciples.

THOSE BLESSED

BECAUSE DAVID WAS ENCOURAGED IN THE LORD

1 Samuel 30:27-31

to *those who were* in Bethel, *those who were* in Ramoth of the South, *those who were* in Jattir, ²⁸ *those who were* in Aroer, *those who were* in Siphmoth, *those who were* in Eshtemoa, ²⁹ *those who were* in Rachal, *those who were* in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, *those who were* in the cities of the Kenites, ³⁰ *those who were* in Hormah, *those who were* in Chorashan, *those who were* in Athach, ³¹ *those who were* in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were accustomed to rove.

Be Encouraged, Be An Encouragement