

1Samuel 30:1-5-NLT

... Three days later, when David and his men arrived home at their town of Ziklag, they found that the Amalekites had made a raid into the Negev and Ziklag; they had crushed Ziklag and burned it to the ground.

2 They had carried off the women and children and everyone else but without killing anyone.

3 When David and his men saw the ruins and realized what had happened to their families,

4 they wept until they could weep no more.

5 David's two wives, Ahinoam from Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal from Carmel, were among those captured.

6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

1. THE ENEMY WILL ATTACK YOUR FAMILY TO GET TO YOU.

1Peter 5:8 –CEV

Be on your guard and **stay awake**. Your enemy, the devil, is like a roaring lion, **sneaking around to find someone to attack**.

1Peter 5:9-NLT

... **Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith**. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are.

Passion - Take a **decisive stand** against him and **resist his every attack** with strong, vigorous faith...

2. WE HAVE TO LEARN TO DEPEND ON GOD, NOT PEOPLE!

1Samuel 30:6-CJB

7 And David was **greatly distressed**; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: **but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God**.

DISTRESSED - *Suffering great emotional pain, severely afflicted; harassed; oppressed with calamity or misfortune, to be boxed in.*

Proverbs 3:5-6-NLT

Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not **depend on your own understanding**.

8 **Seek His will in all you do**, and **He will show you which path to take**.

Message - Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.

James 4:7-8-CJB

... Therefore, **submit to God**. Moreover, take a stand against the Adversary, and he will flee from you.

8 **Come close to God, and he will come close to you...**

1Samuel 30:7-NLT

... Then he said to Abiathar the priest, **"Bring me the ephod!"** So Abiathar brought it.

3. LEARN TO TALK THE PROMISES OF GOD TO YOURSELF.

Hebrews 10:23-AMP.

... So let us **seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His word**.

1Samuel 30:6-CJB

... But David **strengthened himself** in Adonai his God.

Amplified Bible: But David **encouraged and strengthened** himself in the Lord his God.

Encouraged – *to be firm, or grow firm, be revived, be refreshed.*

2Samuel 16:12-14-Message

11 My own son is trying to kill me, and this Benjaminite is merely cursing me. Leave him alone, for no doubt the Lord has told him to do it.

12 And who knows, maybe GOD will see the trouble I'm in today and exchange the curses for something good.

13 David and his men went on down the road, while Shimei followed along on the ridge of the hill alongside, cursing, throwing stones down on them, and kicking up dirt.

14 By the time they reached the Jordan River, **David and all the men of the company were exhausted. There they rested and were revived**.

Acts 3:19-Passion

And now **you must repent and turn back to God** so that your sins will be removed, and **so that times of refreshing will stream from the Lord's presence**.

Proverbs 15:4-AMP.

... **A gentle tongue [with its healing power] is a tree of life**, but willful **contrariness in it** breaks down the spirit.

Passion – 4 *When you speak healing words, you offer others fruit from the tree of life. But unhealthy, negative words do nothing but crush their hopes.*

Romans 10:8-CJB

What, then, does it say? *"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart."*
— *that is, the word about trust which we proclaim, ...*

4. GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU IS TOTAL RECOVERY.

1Samuel 30:8-AMP.

... And David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them? The Lord answered him, Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.

Pursue: *follow or chase (someone or something): means to go after it.*

Joshua 10:19-ESV

... but **do not stay there** yourselves. Pursue your enemies; attack their rear guard. Do not let them enter their cities, for the LORD your God has given them into your hand."

Overtake - means to: *come upon, hit, strike, overwhelm,*

Overcome - means: *pull ahead of, leave behind, outdistance, outstrip.*

John 16:33-AMP

... I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]

Recover: *find or regain possession of (something stolen or lost); save, rescue, retrieve.*

Psalms 22:8-NLT

... "Is this the one who relies on the LORD? Then let the LORD save him! If the LORD loves him so much, let the LORD rescue him!"

2Peter 2:9-AMP

... Now if [all these things are true, then be sure] the Lord knows how to rescue the godly out of temptations and trials,...



**WE NEED REFRESHING TO
STAND STRONG!**

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