

1 Sam 30:1-20
"Encouraged in the Lord"

Sun Night
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1. Introduction
 - a. Saul still King in Israel
 - b. David received Ziklag as payment for his services to Achish King of Gath in Philistia (1 Sam 27:1-2)
 - c. David ruled in city of Ziklag
- 1 Sam 27:6
2. David returns to Ziklag with his men (1 Sam 30:1-6)
 - a. Ziklag burned with fire & all the unprotected families taken captive
 - b. City taken by Amalekites & city residents all carried south
 - c. Entire company of David's men
- 600 warriors (1 Sam 27:2)
- all the men grief stricken (1 Sam 30:4-6)
- men so grief stricken they wanted to stone David to death
3. David's Leadership move
 - a. He strengthened himself in the Lord
- Ps 3:3-4 You O Lord are my shield
- Ps 7:1 My God in You I put my trust
- Ps 16:1 Preserve me in You I put my trust
- Ps 18:2 The Lord is my Rock
 - b. How does anyone encourage themselves in the Lord?
- Four principles
4. Rest in God's sovereignty
 - a. God's plan is known
- God never caught by surprise
- David greatly distressed
* his 2 wives & children taken
- Job 23:14 Job Who can change God? He does what He desires, He performs what is appointed for [Job]
 - b. God's plan is loving
- God put David thru the fire
- God tested David's leadership before he became King

5. David relied on God's truth
 - a. David asked for understanding in God's truth
 - b. David asks for God's direction for his plan of action
 - he asked Abiathar the priest to bring religious garments
 - Ps 23:6 Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me all the days of my life
 - c. David asks God whether to follow Amalekite raiders (30:7-8)
6. David requested God's help
 - a. God's answer that David will overtake raiders & recover
 - b. David request in faith
 - David presented his plan of action to God
 - c. David sets his plan into action
 - nothing moves grieving people more than moving into action
 - Heb 4:14-16 come boldly to the throne of grace
 - d. David acted in obedience (30:9-10)
 - he took his 600 men in pursuit
 - 200 men left at Brook Besor
 - *200 totally exhausted
 - 400 men continued pursuit
7. David received encouragement
 - a. 400 man company finds abandoned Egyptian (30:11-14)
 - 2 Tim 4:16 Paul received God's strength when none stood with him
 - b. David encouraged from others
 - David asked Egyptian to lead them to Amalekite camp (30:15-16)
 - c. David attacked the camp for 24 hours (30:17-19)
 - all ~~except~~ killed except 400 escaped
 - all families recovered along with their goods