

1 Samuel 30:1-20 (KJV) 1 **And it came to pass,** when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; 2 And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

3 So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. 4 **Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.** 5 And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. 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.** 7 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. 8 And **David enquired at the LORD,** saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: **for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.** 9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed. 10 But **David pursued,** he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

11 And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water; 12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights. 13 And David said unto him, To whom belondest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick. 14 We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon the coast which belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire. 15 And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.

16 And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. 17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled. 18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. 19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all. 20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil.

Intro

“And it came to Pass” Trials, troubles, hardships come to pass in everyone’s life – Troubles are NOT unto YOU!

Troubles that effect you and those you love! They can take you to despair beyond description. What do I do and where do I turn??

Psalms 61:1-4 (KJV) 1 Hear my cry, O God;
attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed:
lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

3 For thou hast been a shelter for me,
and a strong tower from the enemy.

4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever:
I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

I. David Encouraged Himself

A. Don't depend on others – those that loved him, followed him, served him wanted to STONE HIM

B. DO depend on the LORD

Proverbs 3:5-7 (KJV) 5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

Jehovah is the one Name of God that has Compounds

Jehovah-Jireh - The Lord provides

Jehovah – Rapha – The Lord that heals

Jehovah Nissi – The Lord our Banner (victory in Battle)

II. David Enquired

Prayer – What is your prayer life Like

A.. ASKING

- Do you regularly go to Prayer for direction?

(It is normal to go for need and request but not so regular we go for daily direction)

B. Listening

- Word

Psalms 119:105 (KJV) 105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

- Holy Spirit

Isaiah 30:20-21 (KJV) 20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: 21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

III. David Pursued – pursued tells us of the intensity of the Effort

A. Energy – no feeble attempt

Psalms 86:12 (KJV) 12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

Psalm 111:1 (KJV) 1 Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

B. Enlisted others

9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him,

C. Endured He was not discouraged of delay when others grew faint for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

2 Timothy 4:7 (KJV) 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: