



Crisis in David's Life: **David Finds His Strength in God** **(1 Sam 29-30)**

Study Notes Handout: Week Seventeen

But David found strength in the Lord his God. (1 Samuel 30:6)

My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from Him. (Psalm 62:1)

Introduction:

After more than a year in a foreign land (1 Sam.27:1, 7) God performs a search and rescue mission to bring David back to Himself and to his homeland. On the ground it would not have appeared this way, but from a higher perspective of faith in a Sovereign God we can see what the Lord used to rescue David from his fear and unbelief that kept him in exile. The challenge for us is to look at our own life experiences through the eyes of faith to see where and how God is at work in us.

Sermon Outline:

1. Disruption of Life: A Crisis in some Form of Loss (30:1 - 5)
2. Desperation of Faith: A Renewed Hope in God (30:6 - 8)
3. Discovery of Mercy: A Restored Purpose for Living (30:9 - 31)

Questions for Reflection / Discussion:

1. Has there been a disruption in your life recently that has shaken you up and opened up a door for fresh faith in God? Share it with someone and reflect on the lesson God is teaching you through it.
2. What did the Holy Spirit point out to you in this message and what are you going to do about it?



David Finds Strength in God Personal Study Notes

Key Verses:

David was in a difficult position because the troops talked about stoning him, for they were all very bitter over [the loss of] their sons and daughters. But David found strength in the LORD his God.

1 Samuel 30:6

Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Luke 6:36

The Predicament of David (29:1-11)¹

SUPPORTING IDEA:

Fortunately for David, the Philistines refuse to let him and his men join them in a battle against the Israelite army.

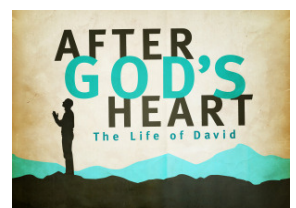
The Triumph of David (2830:1-31)

SUPPORTING IDEA:

David and his men rescue the people of Ziklag who had been captured by the Amalekites.

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

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1. Stephen J. Andrews and Robert D. Bergen, *Holman Old Testament Commentary – 1, 2 Samuel*, ed. Max Anders, (Nashville, TN: Broadman Holman, 2009), WORDsearch CROSS e-book, 190.