



**David vs. The Amalekites
1 Samuel 30**

Big Idea: Your greatest strength is found in the _____!

Great loss requires great _____.

- He was forced to _____ his home—the King’s palace.
- David loses his home, his _____ and his _____.

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, 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.

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. Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep. And David’s two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive. 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.

(1 Samuel 30:1-6)

- David’s losses were _____ to endure.
 - He went from a respected commander to an unlawful _____ ... an enemy of the king.
 - Saul’s willful disobedience in not _____ destroying the Amalekites was the reason David’s next loss.
 - God wants us to completely _____ the desires of the _____ and pursue an abiding relationship with Him.
- David’s own men were ready to _____ him.
 - When you step away from God’s plans, you’re responsible for the _____.
 - David was physically _____, emotionally _____ and spiritually _____.

You can _____ with God’s help.

- Don’t give in to _____.
 - Remember, _____ things happen to good _____.
- When it seems you’ve lost it all, you must focus on _____!

**But David _____ himself in the _____ his God.
(1 Samuel 30:6)**

- Don’t look for strength from the _____.
- When you’ve lost it all..._____.
- When you’re discouraged, the living _____ of God within you is the _____ you need.

You can find _____ in God’s grace.

Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech’s son, “Please bring the ephod here to me.” And Abiathar brought the ephod to David. So David inquired of the LORD, saying, “Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?” And He answered him, “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.”
(1 Samuel 30:7-8)

- Restoration does not mean you are free from all _____.
(1 Samuel 30:9-10)
- God’s grace helps you _____ with His unlimited power to _____ the plans He has for your life.
- God restores you so that you can restore _____.

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- _____ have to allow God’s grace restore you.
 - _____ in His wisdom to replace what’s missing.
 - _____ the courage through Him to continue.
 - _____ in His power to completely restore you.
 - _____ what you want for what He has ready for you.
 - _____ your greatest strength in Him.

**Your _____
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- David's own men were ready to kill him.
 - When you step away from God's plans, you're responsible for the results.
 - David was physically exhausted, emotionally distressed and spiritually empty.

You can persevere with God's help.

- Don't give in to discouragement.
 - Remember, bad things happen to good people.
- When it seems you've lost it all, you must focus on God!

But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.
(1 Samuel 30:6)

- Don't look for strength from the wicked.
- When you've lost it all...worship.
- When you're discouraged, the living presence of God within you is the strength you need.

You can find restoration in God's grace.

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