



Title | In Your Weakest Moments
Series | Making a Difference in a Nation Adrift
Text | 1 Samuel 30:1-31
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Sermon Notes

1 Samuel 30:1 Now when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had made a raid against the Negeb and against Ziklag. They had overcome Ziklag and burned it with fire 2 and taken captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great. They killed no one, but carried them off and went their way. 3 And when David and his men came to the city, they found it burned with fire, and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. 4 Then David and the people who were with him raised their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep. 5 David's two wives also had been taken captive, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. 6 And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God. 7 And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Bring me the ephod." So Abiathar brought the ephod to David. 8 And David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I pursue after this band? Shall I overtake them?" He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake and shall surely rescue." . . . ESV

Big Idea:

1 Samuel 30:6 And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God. ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 1 Samuel 30:1-6a. In what ways is this one of David's weakest moments? What has he lost? Who is against him? Who is responsible? Do you see any parallels to your own weakest moments?

Tuesday:

Read 1 Samuel 30:6b. What does David do in his weakest moment? What is David's part and what is the Lord's part in the strengthening? Read Psalm 25, focusing particularly on verse 1 and verses 16-21. What do these verses suggest about how David may have strengthened himself in the Lord? How can you apply this?

Wednesday:

Read 1 Samuel 30:7-8. In what way does David's behavior reflect being strengthened in the Lord? How can you follow his example?

Thursday:

Read 1 Samuel 30:9-12 and Deuteronomy 10:17-19. In what ways is David's treatment of the Egyptian remarkable? How does it reflect being strengthened in the Lord? How can you follow his example?

Friday:

Read 1 Samuel 30:13-31. Identify all the ways that David exhibits godliness from being strengthened in the Lord. How can you follow his example?

Daily Prayer:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you (Psalm 25:1, 21).
Amen.

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