

David, Shepherd and King
#13 David's Darkest Hour - 1 Samuel 30
(3/28/10 AM)

God will often use strong measures to redirect His children back into His will.

1. God Confronted David with Reality (1-6)

Eventually Everyone Is Exposed by the Truth

David came face to face with the result of his choices.

• **David recognized the _____ of his deception**

This was an act of vengeance on the part of the Amalekites. David had been raiding and killing them for 16 months and lying to Achish about it. Proverbs 26:27, "Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him."

We Always Reap _____ Than When We Sow

• **David witnessed the _____ of his protection**

David had substituted the walls of Ziklag for the encircling protection of the Angel of the Lord.

David wrote Psalm 34 the first time he had a lapse of faith and went to Gath.

Psalm 34:7, "The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them."

Stepping out of God's Will Is Stepping out From Under God's _____

• **David experienced the _____ of his labors**

All the goods that David had accumulated in his raids were gone. All the effort he and his men had expended in rebuilding Ziklag lay in ruins at his feet. It is a vivid picture of how all of our works done in the flesh will be lost at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:13-15, "Each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."

David Apparently Accomplished Nothing of _____ Value during this Period in His Life

• **David experienced the _____ of sin**

Sin always takes you farther than you ever intended to go. The pleasure of sin quickly turns to pain. Proverbs 22:8, "He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow." One scholar described these men as "some of the toughest men on the planet". Some of the most painful times in our lives are the result of sinful choices we make. The path of sin never leads to happiness and joy. Lutzer, "David is a king without a throne, a husband without a wife, a leader without followers and a believer without a witness."

When We Choose to Sin We Choose to _____

2. David Returned to Spiritual Sanity (6b-10)

The Point of David's Renewal

• **David _____ to the Lord**

This is what you do in a crisis. Don't turn away from the Lord but turn to him. We do this by claiming the promises of scripture and acting upon them. We often wait until we are in a crisis before we turn to the Lord. The great thing is that He is always there for us. Psalm 18:6, "In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry came before Him, even to His ears."

Psalm 34:17, "The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles."

The Same God Who Strengthened David Will Strengthen _____

- **David sought _____ from the Lord**

The David of the last 16 months would have rushed after the Amalekites. David now has had enough of doing things his own way. David has had enough of the calamity, the grief, the bitterness and the hurt of sin. He is ready to do it God's way again no matter what.

Have You Had _____ Yet?

- **David obeyed the _____ of the Lord**

We saw earlier that David has more men now but he takes his original seasoned fighters. The fact that 200 of his men can't continue did not discourage David. He believed what God had told him that he would

be victorious. This was another test for David to strengthen his faith.

This was the David who walked by faith who had said to Goliath

"...for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands",

1 Samuel 17:47.

Faith Focuses upon the Promises of God's Word In Spite of the Present _____

3. God Brought Blessing Back Into David's Life (11-31)

Obedience Brings Blessing

When we trust God and walk by faith God always delivers what He promises. He will provide what we need when we need it. God

provided David with a personal guide (11-15). The Amalekites

surely thought that David and the Philistines were engaged in battle

up north. They had spread themselves out and were celebrating their conquests when David's men struck them (16-17).

- **God restored to David what he lost and _____**

David did not hoard God's blessing but shared it with others. He intervened for the 200 who stayed by the baggage (21-25). He sent gifts

to those in Judah who had helped him (26-31). God used this to prepare the way for David to become king. David doesn't know it yet but his years

of wandering are coming to an end. This chapter begins with sorrow and ends with victory. The difference is in the attitude and actions of David.

Repent and Return to the Lord and You Will Find Forgiveness and _____