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Ask Jehovah in times of difficulty and adversity

1 Samuel in chapter 30

30:8 and David enquired of the LORD, "Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?" "Pursue them," he answered.

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David and his soldiers returned to their hometown of Zikla, only to find that the city had been burned by the Philistines, and women and children had been taken captive. David and his soldiers were so sad that some even tried to stone David to death.

However, David did not give up hope. He turned to asking God if God should chase after the Philistines who had taken their families captive. God replied, "Go, and you will be victorious," and David and his soldiers followed the trail of the Philistines who had plundered their homeland to pursue them.

David and his men met a weary Egyptian on the way, who gave him food and water, and obtained information about the location of the Philistines. David and his army then succeeded in attacking the Philistines and succeeded in saving their families and property. After this victory, David returned the captive women and children to their families and shared their wealth. After this victory, David's reputation and power were greatly boosted within Israel.

In times of difficulty and adversity, seek God's help.

When we face difficulties and adversity, we can ask Jehovah for help. In prayer, we can express our worries and troubles and ask Him to give us strength and peace. Pray that the Lord will give us steadfast faith and peace of mind so that we can find comfort and guidance in our difficulties.

Here are some verses in the Bible that teach us to ask Jehovah in all things:

Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, not in your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths." "

Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, and thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. "

James 1:5: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all and does not rebuke, and he will receive." "

Matthew 7:7-8: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, he receives; He who seeks, he finds; and he that knocketh shall open the door to him. "

Ephesians 6:18: "In the Holy Spirit, pray and supplicate in many ways at all times, and be watchful in this place to supplicate for all the saints." "

As we wait on Jehovah, we should remain faithful, religious, and obedient.

Here are some mindsets you should have while waiting on God:

Faith: Believing in Jehovah's plan is best, even though we may not see immediate results. We are to trust that His timing and manner are perfect.

Piety: Maintain a godly mindset by praying regularly, reading the Bible, and maintaining an intimate relationship with God. This helps us to remain steadfast in the midst of waiting.

Obedience: Obey God's will and follow His ways. In waiting, we need to learn to listen to God's guidance and act according to His Word.

Humility: Humbly accept God's will, acknowledge our limitations and powerlessness, and rely on His strength and wisdom.

Gratitude: Gratitude is a state of mind that should be thankful even in the midst of waiting, because God's love and faithfulness never change.

As we wait on Jehovah, we are to face them with faith, piety, obedience, humility, and gratitude.

We pray together

Dear father

We are gathered before you here to humbly await Your will and guidance. We recognize you as the creator of the universe and the source of wisdom and grace. We often face difficulties and challenges in our lives, but we trust that Your promises are always the same, and Your love and grace will never leave us.

Today, we come to you with an open heart and open our hearts to you. Give us the confidence that your plan is better than ours and that your path is higher than ours. Give us a submissive heart that will be willing to listen to your guidance and follow your will. Give us the humility to acknowledge our limitations and rely on your strength and wisdom. Please give us peace of mind and let us feel your comfort and comfort as we wait.

Lord, you know the needs and desires of each of us, and please provide for all our needs according to the abundance of your grace. May your name be glorified forever. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

1 Samuel

CHAPTER 30

1Sa. 30:1 David and his men reached Ziklag on the third day. Now the Amalekites had raided the Negev and Ziklag. They had attacked Ziklag and burned it,

1Sa. 30:2 and had taken captive the women and all who were in it, both young and old. They killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way.

1Sa. 30:3 When David and his men came to Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive.

1Sa. 30:4 So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep.

1Sa. 30:5 David's two wives had been captured — Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel.

1Sa. 30:6 David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the LORD his God.

1Sa. 30:7 Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Bring me the ephod." Abiathar brought it to him,

1Sa. 30:8 and David enquired of the LORD, "Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?" "Pursue them," he answered.

"You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue."

1Sa. 30:9 David and the six hundred men with him came to the Besor Ravine, where some stayed behind,

1Sa. 30:10 for two hundred men were too exhausted to cross the ravine. But David and four hundred men continued the pursuit.

1Sa. 30:11 They found an Egyptian in a field and brought him to David. They gave him water to drink and food to eat —

1Sa. 30:12 part of a cake of pressed figs and two cakes of raisins. He ate and was revived, for he had not eaten any food or drunk any water for three days and three nights.

1Sa. 30:13 David asked him, "To whom do you belong, and where do you come from?" He said, "I am an Egyptian, the slave of an Amalekite. My master abandoned me when I became ill three days ago.

1Sa. 30:14 We raided the Negev of the Kerethites and the territory belonging to Judah and the Negev of Caleb. And we burned Ziklag."

1Sa. 30:15 David asked him, "Can you lead me down to this raiding party?" He answered, "Swear to me before God that you will not kill me or hand me over to my master, and I will take you down to them."

1Sa. 30:16 He led David down, and there they were, scattered over the

countryside, eating, drinking and revelling because of the great amount of plunder they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from Judah.

1Sa. 30:17 David fought them from dusk until the evening of the next day, and none of them got away, except four hundred young men who rode off on camels and fled.

1Sa. 30:18 David recovered everything the Amalekites had taken, including his two wives.

1Sa. 30:19 Nothing was missing: young or old, boy or girl, plunder or anything else they had taken. David brought everything back.

1Sa. 30:20 He took all the flocks and herds, and his men drove them ahead of the other livestock, saying, "This is David's plunder."

1Sa. 30:21 Then David came to the two hundred men who had been too exhausted to follow him and who were left behind at the Besor Ravine. They came out to meet David and the people with him. As David and his men approached, he greeted them.

1Sa. 30:22 But all the evil men and troublemakers among David's followers said, "Because they did not go out with us, we will not share with them the plunder we recovered. However, each man may take his wife and children and go."

1Sa. 30:23 David replied, "No, my brothers, you must not do that with what the LORD has given us. He has protected us and handed over to us the forces that came against us.

1Sa. 30:24 Who will listen to what you say? The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. All shall share alike."

1Sa. 30:25 David made this a statute and ordinance for Israel from that day to this.

1Sa. 30:26 When David arrived in Ziklag, he sent some of the plunder to the elders of Judah, who were his friends, saying, "Here is a present for you from the plunder of the LORD's enemies."

1Sa. 30:27 He sent it to those who were in Bethel, Ramoth Negev and Jattir;

1Sa. 30:28 to those in Aroer, Siphmoth, Eshtemoa

1Sa. 30:29 and Racal; to those in the towns of the Jerahmeelites and the Kenites;

1Sa. 30:30 to those in Hormah, Bor Ashan, Athach

1Sa. 30:31 and Hebron; and to those in all the other places where David and his men had roamed.

Chapter 30 opens with David and his men returning to their home in Ziklag after having been dismissed by Achish, the Philistine king. When they arrive, they find that the Amalekites have raided the city, burned it down, and taken their wives and children captive. David and his men are devastated and weep until they have no more strength.

David's men turn against him, blaming him for their misfortune, and even consider stoning him to death. But David strengthens himself in the Lord and seeks guidance from the priest Abiathar, who helps him to inquire of the Lord. The Lord tells David to pursue the Amalekites and promises him that he will recover everything that was taken from him.

David and his men set out and come upon an Egyptian slave who had been left behind by the Amalekites. They give him food and water, and he leads them to the Amalekite camp. David and his men attack the camp and are able to rescue all of their wives and children, as well as take spoil from the Amalekites.

David and his men return to Ziklag with their families and spoil, and David sends a portion of the spoil to the elders of Judah as a gift. However, some of David's men are unhappy with this arrangement and want to keep all of the spoil for themselves. David rebukes them, saying that they all had an equal share in the victory and that it was the Lord who had given them the spoil. The chapter ends with a note about David's leadership and how he divided the spoil among his men and sent portions to the elders of Judah. The author notes that David acted with wisdom and justice in his leadership, and that his fame spread throughout the land.

Here are some important verses from chapter 30 of 1 Samuel in the Christian Bible:

1 Samuel 30:6 - "David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God."

1 Samuel 30:18-19 - "David recovered everything the Amalekites had taken, including his two wives. Nothing was missing: young or old, boy or girl, plunder or anything else they had taken. David brought everything back."

These verses describe how David and his men returned to their camp in Ziklag to find that it had been attacked and burned down by the Amalekites, who had taken their wives and children captive. David's men were so distraught and angry that they turned on him and threatened to stone him. However, David found strength in the Lord and encouraged his men to pursue the Amalekites and rescue their families. With God's help, they were successful and recovered everything that had been taken. This chapter highlights the importance of seeking strength and guidance from God in times of crisis and how God can use even difficult circumstances to accomplish His purposes. It also shows the loyalty and bravery of David's men and their determination to stand by their leader.

1 Samuel chapter 30 tells the account of David's encounter with the Amalekites, who raided his camp, took captive the women and children, and plundered all their possessions. This chapter explores themes of loss, restoration, and seeking God's guidance in times of distress.

One of the key themes that emerges from this chapter is the theme of loss. David and his men experience profound loss as they return to their camp and find it devastated and their loved ones

taken captive. They are overwhelmed with grief and anguish, and David himself is greatly distressed.

This chapter reminds us that life is not immune to loss and hardship. It acknowledges the pain and sorrow that can come from unexpected circumstances and the impact it can have on our lives. It prompts us to acknowledge our emotions and bring our brokenness before God, seeking His comfort and strength in times of loss.

Furthermore, 1 Samuel chapter 30 highlights the importance of seeking God's guidance and direction, even in the midst of distress and devastation. David, in his distress, turns to God for guidance, asking the priest to bring him the ephod to inquire of the Lord. Through seeking God's counsel, David receives guidance and assurance that he should pursue the Amalekites and recover all that was taken from them.

This chapter underscores the significance of seeking God's wisdom and direction in times of crisis. It reminds us that God is our source of guidance, comfort, and restoration. It prompts us to turn to Him in prayer and seek His guidance, trusting that He will provide the wisdom and strength we need to navigate through difficult circumstances.

Additionally, 1 Samuel chapter 30 highlights the theme of restoration. Through David's pursuit of the Amalekites, he is able to recover all that was taken from them. God grants him victory, and they regain not only their material possessions but also their loved ones who were held captive.

This chapter serves as a reminder of God's ability to restore what has been lost. It offers hope and encouragement, showing that God can turn our circumstances around and bring restoration to our lives. It prompts us to trust in His power to redeem and restore, even in the face of seemingly impossible situations.

In conclusion, 1 Samuel chapter 30 brings forth reflections on loss, seeking God's guidance, and the theme of restoration. It acknowledges the pain and sorrow that can come from unexpected circumstances, prompting us to seek God's comfort and strength in times of loss. It encourages us to seek God's guidance and wisdom in times of distress, trusting in His provision and restoration. May we turn to God in times of hardship, seek His guidance, and trust in His power to bring restoration to our lives.

