

Text: 1 Samuel 30:1-20

Introduction:

1. David as an example of a model warrior
2. David as an epitome of being a warrior

I. AS A WARRIOR OF GOD, WE WILL FACE opposition

1. The enemy does anything to attack (1 Sam. 30:1; 1 Peter 5:8)
2. The enemy steals the abundance God has given us (1 Sam. 30:2-3; John 10:10)
 - Fruitful living
 - First love
 - Family relationships
 - Financial gain
 - Faith
3. The enemy scorns at the aftermath of our destruction (1 Sam. 30:4-6)

II. AS A WARRIOR OF GOD, WE WILL overcome

1. God is able to renew us (1 Sam. 30:6)
 - Through the word of God (2 Chron. 31:4)
 - Through our ministry to God (2 Chron. 35:2)
 - Through the people of God (Judges 20:22)
2. God is able to reply to our prayers (1 Sam. 30:7-10)
3. God is able to recover anything that was lost (1 Sam. 30:18-20)

Conclusion

1. King David is a great example of a warrior for God and yet he did not win all battles in his lifetime. What were some of the battles he won and lost and why is this a reality in our Christian lives?

2. In 1 Samuel 30:1, we find the unsuspecting David and his men under attack at Ziklag. Using 1 Peter 5:8 as a parallel passage, in what way this reveals the devil's schemes in attacking us?

3. Reading 1 Samuel 30:2-3 and John 10:10, how does the enemy steal away the abundant life God gave us?

4. In 1 Samuel 30:4-6, how does the initial attack lead to the overall fallout of David's army? What does this teach us about trials, testings or challenges in our lives?

5. The King James Version of 1 Samuel 30:6 says, "But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." There rare words are used only five times in the entire Bible: 1 Samuel 30:6; 2 Chronicles 31:4; 2 Chronicles 35:2; Judges 20:22 and Isaiah 41:7. How do these passages reveal the sources of our encouragement.

6. How vital is prayer in our battle against the enemy (1 Samuel 30:7-10)?

7. What is the outcome if we apply these principles in our lives (1 Samuel 30:18-20)?

8. Close the Life Group meeting by sharing what the enemy has stolen from you and pray that God will help you overcome and recover all that was taken away.

PRAY