

Introduction:

1. The enemy is in the business of stealing
2. The enemy wants to take from us spiritual treasures:
 - Fruit living
 - First love
 - Fervor in serving
 - Family relationships
 - Faith in God

A. GOD IS ABLE TO RENEW YOU

1. David was in a free-fall (v. 1-6)
2. David found strength through faith (v. 6b)

B. GOD IS ABLE TO REPLY TO YOUR PRAYERS

1. David's men condemn their circumstance (v. 5-6)
2. David centered his focus on God (v. 7-8)

C. GOD IS ABLE TO RECOVER WHAT THE ENEMY HAS STOLEN FROM YOU

1. David was relentless after God strengthened and answered him (v. 9-10, 16-17)
2. David was able to regain everything the enemy stole from them (v. 18-20)

Conclusion:

“For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.” (1 John 5:4-5)

1. Let everyone in the group read the story of David's men and the Amalekites at Ziklag (1 Samuel 30:1-20? Have you experienced being robbed or stolen? How did you feel being a victim? How can you relate to how David's men reacted to the situation?
2. Read 1 Samuel 30:1-6. Why do the men blame David? Why is the situation so explosive at this point? What does David do in this case? What is David feeling? Why did he not act immediately? What can we learn from David's response regarding our situation?
3. One of the prayers ancient Christians practice is called Deus Absconditus or a prayer to God who is hidden. David uttered this kind of prayer in verses 6-8. From the Psalms of David, how does he seem to strengthen himself in the Lord when things are going bad? What devotional exercises can we adopt from these psalms? What should be the focus of our faith?
 - Psalm 18:6
 - Psalm 27:1-2
 - Psalm 34:1-6
 - Psalm 40:1-3
 - Psalm 42:1-6
 - Psalm 56:1-4
4. Read verses 9-17. Not all of David's men had the strength to pursue the Amalekites, of the 600 men, 200 remained in Besor Valley. What is the significance of David's encounter with the Egyptian servant? How does this narrative help us the way God works in our circumstance?
5. Read the verses 18-20. How did God restore what was taken away from David and his men? Close the Life Group by praying for one another being sensitive to pray that God will renew their strength, reply to their prayers and recover what the enemy has stolen from them.

PRAY!