

PURSUIING & RECOVERING ALL

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Read 1 Samuel 30:1-6

600 men, David's loyal followers, were now thinking of killing him. They blamed him for the loss of their wives and children

Yet in v 18: "David **recovered all** that the Amalekites had taken"

How did he overcome?

Secret is in verse 6: "But David strengthened himself in the Lord".

HOW DO WE STRENGTHEN OURSELVES IN THE LORD?

Psalm 3 gives us the insight. Psalm 3 was when written David's son Absalom betrayed him, seized the throne and pursued him to kill. It was an even worse situation because here David had lost all. But David made a comeback & recovered all from Absalom. How did he do it? It's in Psalm 3, we get the secret of how he strengthened himself in the Lord. Four handles.

1. CALL ON GOD FIRST (v 1-2)... then FACE the Problem

**O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
Many are saying of my soul, "There is no salvation for him in God."**

David always called on God first! At Ziklag or when facing Goliath

1.CGQ

When you face big work/ personal problem who do you go to first? Is it your spouse, your family, a close friend, your leaders, a pastor? Where does God feature in your response at the start of any problem?

2. CONFESS WHO GOD IS! (v 3-4) OVER THE PROBLEM!

But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

I cried aloud to the Lord, and He answered me from His holy hill.

Do you have a picture of a BIG God? Do you see Him as David saw Him?
4 things

a. God was David's **Shield**: When Enemy attacks your **person**, your name, your body or mind, He protects you. Shield protects you from hot sun and arrows

b. God was David's **Glory**: When Enemy attacks your **authority**: your calling as a mum or dad, husband or a wife, man or woman. Undermine and usurp you!

c. God was David's **Uplifter**: When Enemy seeks to cause your **downfall** into despair, depression, darkness. God lifts you up!

d. God was David's **Sanctuary**: The rebels had driven him from God's holy hill but they could never drive out God's **Presence** from Him.

3. COMPOSE YOUR SPIRITTHEN RISE UP IN FAITH! (V 5-6)

**I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.
I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set
themselves against me all around.**

Composed Spirit is a Revived Spirit: Full of Faith!

- **Sleep in Faith:** God has used sleep to speak to and revive many of His servants- Abraham, Jacob, Elijah, Paul.... **The sleep of confidence, faith!**
- **Arise in Faith:** "I will not be afraid of many thousands of people"...etc

2. CGQ

David always saw his God as a BIG God. His shield, his glory, lifter of his head etc. This has to do with the reality and intimacy of his relationship with God. How can we develop a closer relationship so that we can experience and declare His might and power over all our circumstances by faith! Share any experience you may have of seeing God as BIGGER than your problems and experiencing Him seeing you through.

4. CONFRONT & OVERTAKE the Enemy... RECOVER ALL (v 7-8)

Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek, you break the teeth of the wicked. Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing be on your people!

In the case of Ziklag... after **Strengthening himself & Calling Upon God.** David Pursued the Enemy, Overtook the Amalekites **and RECOVERED EVERYTHING!**

Recover all for our families. Recover all for finances. Recover all for our health. Recover all for our marriage. Recover all for our Future. Recover all for our nation God calls us to arise. He fights for us. Believe we will recover all from the Enemy

3. CGQ:

Even if God fights for us we need to pursue and confront the Enemy in order to recover all. What has the Enemy stolen from you, from your family and from our nation that you feel God is calling us to rise, pursue and recover? Share what the sermon from God's Word has done for your faith and vision?