

TOPIC: Encourage yourself in the lord

1 Samuel 30:1-3 NIV

[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, [2] and had taken captive the women and everyone else in it, both young and old. They killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way. [3] When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive.

David strengthened himself

1 Samuel 30:5-6 NIV

[5] David's two wives had been captured—Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel. [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.

David prayed for God's direction

1 Samuel 30:7-8 NIV

[7] Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelek, "Bring me the ephod." Abiathar brought it to him, [8] and David inquired 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."

David recovered all that the enemies had taken

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[18] David recovered everything the Amalekites had taken, including his two wives.