Beyond the Brook Besor

1 Samuel 30:9-10

1 Samuel 30:9 *So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the Brook Besor, where those stayed who were left behind.* ***10*** *But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so weary that they could not cross the Brook Besor.* NKJV

A. Ziklag

a. David & his men returned from battle to find their town ravaged, burned, plundered & ransacked. Their wives, children & possessions stolen.

b. There is a Ziklag in every believer's story—the place where you came home expecting rest and found only smoke, silence, and the empty space where your future used to be.

i. David and his men wept until they had no more strength, & some even talked of stoning the man God had anointed, because deep loss can leave even faithful hearts feeling shaken & unsure.

ii. GOOD NEWS: The same God who let the fire fall on Ziklag is the God who still speaks when the ashes are hot: "*Pursue, for you shall surely overtake and without fail recover all.*"

iii. Before the shout of restoration there was a brook named Besor—a crossing where two hundred were too faint to go on & four hundred had to keep walking by faith.

iv. *Hear me*: what the enemy stripped in Ziklag will not stay in the enemy's camp, but you will not see the full recovery until you step into the water God put between the ruin & the return.

c. God will speak "*Pursue: Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.*" But it may not look like you think it should.

B. Prepare to stop at the Brook of Besor.

A. What does tragedy reveal in you?

Could God be meeting you with grace?

a. The initial instinct was to blame David & stone him for their loss.

i. The men had ***1 Samuel 30:4*** *wept until they had no more power to weep*.

ii. David had last as much as the other men & he was distressed… And the men wanted to stone him!

iii. David did what was right, he "*strengthened himself in the Lord his God.*"

b. When David prayed God said, "*Pursue*."

In other words, "*Move forward under the power of the Holy Ghost, speak faith over the path & obey God with bold, Spirit-led action.*"

c. David & his men didn't know the exact location of what was taken from them. But God allowed an Egyptian who was left behind by the Amalekites to die told them where to go.

But they didn't meet the Egyptian until they had crossed the Brook Besor.

d. The 200 weary men of David who stayed behind, stayed at the Brook Besor. They did not return to Ziklag. - The Brook of Besor represents a place of "Exhaustion."

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B. Some Linger at Brook Besor

a. When the 400 returned from the battle to the 200 at the brook, David revealed a powerful truth: **recovery was not earned by human effort—it was released by God's grace!**

b. It's not shameful to admit exhaustion.

Isaiah 40:29-31 (*BIBLE*)

i. Even a man of God as we know the Prophet Elijah: Lies down under a tree & asks God to let him die. 1 Kings 19:4-8

ii. But God sent an angel to provide food, water, rest & strength for the next leg of the journey.

iii. God does not condemn Elijah's exhaustion - He makes provision for renewal, restoration & revival.

c. **Matthew 11:28** Jesus says, "*Come to Me all who labor & are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*"

i. **Psalm 91** – He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

ii. This is not a brief stop or a quick visit—it is a lasting lodging, a life-giving rest under the covering of Shaddai where the soul finds ongoing strength, protection, & refreshing day after day. – Stay at the Brook Besor –

C. Journey to Brook Besor

a. When the soul has been emptied by fatigue & the weight of the battle, the consuming fire of the Holy Ghost falls & refines every weary place.

The same Spirit that joins heaven to earth now binds divine rest to your destiny, & from that sacred pause a new head of strength rises—anointed, restored, & ready to lead again in the power of God!

b. So, in the fulfillment of recovery by promise to pursuit, don't measure what you do to someone who you think "ain't" doin'.

i. Victory & the spoil belongs to the LORD. Church growth, spiritual revival & restoration is not a one-person show. Even those who are weary & stay with the supplies.

ii. No one has the right to claim ownership based on effort.

c. Because you pray more, read more, attend more, give more or "think" you're more... THAT is not Kingdom work. All share in the recovery.

Conclusion

A. **The same God who gave strength to fight gave grace to receive the spoil.** The recovery was God's gift—not a trophy of performance.

B. The reason we can do this is because of the resurrection of Christ.

- **<u>He asks us to</u>:**
  * *Repent*
  * *Live by Faith*
  * *Be Baptized*
  * *Be Filled with His Spirit*

Conclusion: PRESENT THE GOSPEL FOR SALVATION – EVERY WEEK – AND THE NEED TO COME FORWARD IN PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF CHRIST.