

“The Tie That Binds”
1 Samuel 30:1-10,21-26
Sunday, April 6, 2025

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Now when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had made a raid against the Negeb and against Ziklag. They had overcome Ziklag and burned it with fire ²and taken captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great. They killed no one, but carried them off and went their way. ³And when David and his men came to the city, they found it burned with fire, and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. ⁴Then David and the people who were with him raised their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep. ⁵David's two wives also had been taken captive, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. ⁶And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

⁷And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, “Bring me the ephod.” So Abiathar brought the ephod to David. ⁸And David inquired of the LORD, “Shall I pursue after this band? Shall I overtake them?” He answered him, “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake and shall surely rescue.” ⁹So David set out, and the six hundred men who were with him, and they came to the brook Besor, where those who were left behind stayed. ¹⁰But David pursued, he and four hundred men. Two hundred stayed behind, who were too exhausted to cross the brook Besor...

²¹Then David came to the two hundred men who had been too exhausted to follow David, and who had been left at the brook Besor. And they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him. And when David came near to the people he greeted them. ²²Then all the wicked and worthless fellows among the men who had gone with David said, “Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except that each man may lead away his wife and children, and depart.” ²³But David said, “You shall not do so, my brothers, with what the LORD has given us. He has preserved us and given into our hand the band that came against us. ²⁴Who would listen to you in this matter? For as his share is who goes down into the battle, so shall his share be who stays by the baggage. They shall share alike.” ²⁵And he made it a statute and a rule for Israel from that day forward to this day. ²⁶When David came to Ziklag, he sent part of the spoil to his friends, the elders of Judah, saying, “Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD.”

1. David's Renewed Strength...

1 Samuel 30:6b *...but David found strength in the Lord.*

1 Samuel 23:16 *Jonathan came and helped David find strength in God...*

What is this?

Psalms 42:5

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him—my Savior and my God.

Practical: Where, in your life, is your heart telling you that “God might not have this... God may not have your best in mind... God may not be worthy of my trust”?

When that happens—you need to *stop listening* to your heart, and *start speaking truth* to your heart. Remind yourself of who God is... that He is worthy of my trust... and RE-PLACE your hope in Him.

2. David’s Renewed Loyalty...

1 Samuel 30:26

When David came to Ziklag, he sent part of the spoil to his friends, the elders of Judah, saying, “Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD.”

3. The Renewed Unity that comes as a result...

1 Samuel 30:10

1 Samuel 30:21-22

“**Triumphalism**” - being so enamored with what we have *become* that we are “out of touch” with who we were.

1 Corinthians 1:26-30

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption...

Re-Cap...

- Strengthen yourself in the Lord... preach the truth of the Gospel to your own heart...
- How do you respond to that? Love Him... Serve Him... Renew your devotion to Him...
- Then rejoice at the thought of helping others who are still empty to come and find what you have found in Christ.