

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF

1 SAMUEL

[PART 61]

GETTING OFF THE CANVAS TO WIN THE FIGHT

Reading: **1 Samuel 30:1 - 6**

Introduction

- Fact: [Job 5:7] "**Man is born to trouble!**"
- [Philippians 4:11] Need to learn to be the master of the situation rather than be mastered by it.
- This incident is about a man who turned defeat into victory.

1 The Story So Far

- Its been some 10/12 years since David killed the giant and the nation had a new hero.
- For the past 8 years David had been hunted by Saul all over southern Israel.
- In a crazy moment David sought asylum amongst the Philistines.
- Became bodyguard to king Achish.
- Achish gave David and his men the town of Ziglag.
- While David and his men are away the Amalekites attack their city and carry off their families and belongings.

2 Loosing Everything

- A weary David and men return to Ziglag to find it burned to the ground.
- Emotions are boiling.
- A scapegoat is needed and David is blamed by his own men.
- Figuratively David at this point is on the canvas.
- His previous encouragers are either dead or about to die or now against him.

Can you see yourself in David?

3 Getting Up To Win The Fight

- The mark of a champion is that they can get up and go again.
- The Christian draws fresh strength and hope from God.
- Because God is God we can be sure our best is yet to be.
- The birthmark of a Christian is '**overcoming**'. [1John 5:4].
- You were not '**born again**' to lie on the canvas defeated.
- David encouraged himself in the Lord HIS God.
- The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was David's God.
- David needed a God who would get involved with him not just read about God's dealings with others.
- That same God is the Christians God.

4 Remember The Promises

- David began to get of the canvas by firstly remembering God's promises to him.
- David had been promised the throne. He was an heir.
- Every child of God is also an heir. [Romans 8:16 - 18].
- David focused on his future and that encouraged him.
- You need to focus on your future as an '**heir**'.

5 Remember Who Is For Us

- David looked past the trial to see the Lord beyond.
- [2Kings 6] The Lord of Hosts is with us.

6 Refastening The Ropes

- The word '**encouraged**' in Hebrew means '**to refasten**' as in guide ropes of a tent.
- In the land of the Philistines David never prayed or consulted the Lord.
- Now he puts those things right.
- [vs 8] '**David enquired of the Lord**': Renewed fellowship.
- [vs 10] 'But David pursued' Renewed endeavour.
- [vs 12] '**And David recovered all**': Renewed victory.
- **NB.** Three days later Saul would be dead and the men of Judah would crown him king.
- '**Hold on my child, joy comes in the morning**'.
- '**When you've got nothing left but God, you've got enough to start again**'.

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