

1 Samuel 30:1-26 (4/6/2025)

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ 1 Samuel 30:1-10

1. As you consider all that these men have lost, and all that they have been through, what would you imagine is going through their minds and emotions as they discover that their wives, children, and possessions are all missing?
2. In **Verse 6**, it says that “David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.” Something very similar happened back in **1 Samuel 23:16** when Jonathan “went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God.” What do you think this “strengthening” looked like, and how do you think it took place?

In **Psalms 42:5**, the sons of Korah seem to model what “being strengthened in the Lord” looks like. Based on this, what might David’s “inner monologue” and conversation with God have sounded like?

Is there anything going on in your life/heart these days, where such a “strengthening in the Lord” might help you re-orient your trust and hope in the Lord? (If so, would you be willing to share something of this with the group?)

3. For the last year (or more), whenever David and his men returned with “spoils” from defeating their enemies, with whom did David share the spoils?

This time, after David and his men defeated the Amalekites, with whom do they share the spoils (Verse 26)? What do you think is David’s purpose in presenting this gift?

4. In **verse 10**, we’re told that 200 of the 600 men with David were so exhausted that they couldn’t continue in the pursuit of the Amalekites (in the attempt to liberate their families). When we “fast-forward” to **verse 21**, the 400 hundred who completed the mission are reunited with the 200 that stayed behind. What happens in this “reunion”, and what attitudes are revealed on the part of the 400?

Why do you think these men are taking this posture?

5. In hearing David’s response to the 400, what seems to be David’s highest value (or common thread) for all 600 of his men?

How might **1 Corinthians 1:26-30** help us to have the same value for one another?