

David Part 8 | Season Finale | Corey Green | 09.22.2019
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Memory Verse: Psalm 40:1-2 (NLT)

"I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along."

Read: 1 Samuel Chapter 30 then watch the clip from Pastor Steve's Message on January 20th, 2019 titled Mirror Mirror :Shattered (5:55-11:22). <https://vimeo.com/361445217>

1 Samuel 30:1-8

- Have you ever been so upset you cried until you couldn't cry anymore?
 - If you feel able to share, what happened that you were this upset--that you were shattered?
 - Where did you turn? Who did you turn to?

David's men were angry and turning against David. David did not turn against God--he did not blame God. David made a choice to turn to God and lean on him. He asked God what to do and followed His directions.

- Do you find it easy to turn to God during painful times in your life? Or do you look for someone to blame?
- When you ask God for help and guidance, do you do what He says?
 - Do you find it hard to FOLLOW His directions? Do you find it hard to HEAR His directions?

1 Samuel 30:9-20

- Would you have been upset that so many -or any men- stayed behind?
- How do you think the men who could not continue felt?
- How do you think the men who encountered the Egyptian felt?
 - What do you think they wanted to do? How do you think they felt about what David did?
- How do you think David and his men felt seeing the Amalekites having a celebration?
 - How do you feel when your enemies celebrate your defeat and their victories? (Personal enemies, enemies of The Church or God)
 - Do you think seeing the Amalekites celebrating helped David and his army defeat them?
 - How does seeing your own loss/someone celebrating your loss help you to regain confidence and come back stronger?

1 Samuel 30:21-30

- Why was David happy to see the 200 men who stayed behind?
 - Why were some of the men angry?
 - How do you think the men who stayed back felt about the others not wanting to share? How do you think they felt while waiting for David and then going to greet David?
- Why do you think David shared the plunder with all of the men?
 - How do you think the men who stayed back felt hearing what David said?
 - How do you think the "troublemakers" felt hearing what David said?

What Parable(s) does this story remind you of?

- **Read** Matthew 20:1-16 and Luke 15:11-32.
- What are some similarities in the story from 1 Samuel 30 and The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard and the Prodigal Son?
- How do the Landowner, The Father, and David feel about ALL of the people in each story?
 - How does this apply to our lives?

God feels this way about each one of His children.

- How do you feel knowing God doesn't want to hold anything back from you and that He loves you?
- What can you do to share His love and to help others to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?

In each story, someone didn't want to share the rewards with others. Are you like the Landowner, The Father, and David wanting to share the Kingdom of God and His love with everyone? Or are you like the others--wanting to keep what you earned for yourself and not share with everyone else?