

**Agape House of Worship**  
**Midweek Service & Bible Study**

**Topic: On the road to recovery**  
**Texts: 1 Samuel 30:1-21**

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Introduction:

1 Samuel Chapter 30 tells the story of how the Israelites were raided and captured by the Amalekites. This turn of events was a major crisis for David because the Amalekites captured all the women, children and all the elderly. Prior to this event, David's men, hailed David as a hero and someone they were willing to risk their lives to protect. After the invasion of Ziklag, David's men began to think of stoning David because their loss was so great. This text shows us a story of how a man went through serious crisis and yet came out victorious.

The objective of this bible study is to analyze how David dealt with his personal crisis. We will extract different lessons from the story and learn how to apply different ways to dealing with crisis in our personal lives.

- ❖ **6<sup>th</sup> Verse:** David's men became bitter and were planning on stoning David because they have lost everything. In times of crisis your emotions can lead you astray. You lose the ability to reason properly. The reaction of David's men is an example of how not to respond in time of crisis.

**James 1:19-20** My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

**Question #1:** How can we avoid saying or doing things that we will later regret?

- ❖ **7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Verse:** Though David was distressed, he decided to seek the council of God concerning the matter. David knew not to rely only on human intuition or insight. David teaches us that seeking God's council is of the greatest importance when we are dealing with crisis.

**Philippians 4:6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

**Romans 12:12 (NLT)** Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.

**Question #2:** How have trials affected your faith? Have trials brought you closer to God or pushed you away?

- ❖ **9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Verse:** 200 of David's men were unable to continue the pursuit because they were exhausted. David and his 400 men could have also complained of exhaustion and called off

the pursuit but they were determined to rescue their family members. David's actions teach us to persevere through trials.

**James 1:12** Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

**Question #3:** How do you maintain a positive mindset when faced with obstacles?

- ❖ **11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Verse:** Though David was in crisis he was kind enough to save a dying man and helped to revive him. David was able to show us that; it is possible to be kind to others even when you are going through trials.

**Question #4:** Can you recall a time in your life when you were kind to somebody even though you were going through some trials and tells us how it made you feel.

- ❖ **13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Verse:** The man who David rescued and revived knew the location of the Amalekites. He led David and his men to the location and they were able to rescue their people. The people that we help today may be the people that will help us in our time of crisis.

**Proverbs 11:25** A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

**Question #5:** What does David's actions tell us about the importance of building good relationships?