

THAT WE MIGHT HAVE HOPE

Part 3 - Sourcing Strength

Text: Romans 15:4 NKJV

DAVID AT THE ZIKLAG CRISIS (1 Samuel 30:1-6 NKJV)

- Problems, an unfortunate part of life
 1. David and his men had done nothing wrong
- A great amount of personal pain involved
 1. Kidnapped family members
 2. Assets were stolen and their homes were burned
- David and his men were at a very low place
 1. A perfectly normal human response - wept until they were just wiped out
 2. The situation worsened for David - his own men spoke of killing him
- David's response is a classic example of handling a crisis
 1. He did not strike back at the men - nor try to defend himself
 2. David strengthened himself in the Lord his God
- How David strengthened himself
 1. No direct reference made to Ziklag but the Psalms give us an idea
 2. David had a relationship with the Lord - a fellowship with Him
 3. A similar crisis situation yielded a picture of David's pattern (*Psalm 3:1-6 NKJV*)

LEARNING FROM DAVID

- Problems are an unfortunate part of our lives
 1. Jesus told us this was happening (*John 16:33 NKJV*)
- No one denies that loss and pressure can put us in a very low place (*Romans 12:15 NKJV*)
 1. It never said to rebuke those who weep
 2. We don't want to lash out and blame others in our pain
- We don't want to stay in that low place, we want to source some strength
 1. If David encouraged himself in the Lord - we can also
 2. Take the problem to the Lord - not in denial
 3. Began to establish and declare in our own life who God is to us (*Proverbs 18:21 NKJV*)
 4. What do we have to say about our prayers, and our sleep
 5. We can make a declaration that we are not going to fear (*2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV*)