

SERMON NOTES

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GROWING THROUGH CONFLICT Studies in the Life of David

I SAMUEL 30:1-10 - "Conflict Within the Soul"

INTRODUCTION:

We all know David as the humble shepherd, the great giant killer, the musician, the man after God's own heart!

But we forget he was also David the rebel, David the defeated, David the discouraged.

Why?

Because David was human!

Job tells us, "As sparks fly upward man is born for adversity" (Job 5:7)

Today we see David at one of the lowest points in his life.

He lost his home

He lost his wives and children

He lost his friends (vs. 6)

(vs. 6) The people. . . stone him

David is weeping! and greatly distressed

Have you ever faced a real crisis?

I. How did David get into such a terrible mess?

The background: (27:1-2)

1. He feared man (vs. 1) "I shall perish".
2. He forgot God (vs. 1) "Nothing better that"
3. He followed his own path (vs. 2)

We to:

1. Fear man
2. Forget God
3. Follow our own path

David exchanged trust in God for the walls of Ziklag!

How about you?

David is backsliding!

He found himself in the enemy's camp!

Envy in the enemy's army!

How does backsliding happen?

David didn't know what to do!

What do you do when you don't know what to do?

First of all, you don't do what David's men did!

Don't blame others (vs. 6) "Let's stone David"

How would that solve the problem?

II. What did David do?

(vs. 6) "But David encouraged, (strengthen) himself in the Lord"

The best thing to do!

"vain is the help of men"

(Psa 34:17-18)

"the righteous cry and the Lord health, and deliverth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit"

We see the blessing of brokenness!

"Man's extremity is God's opportunity".

David hit bottom and could only look up!

Illustration: The Prodigal Son (Luke 15)

David had lost everything but God!

As a result he found God was everything!

(Heb. 13:5-6)

"Be content with what you have: for He hath said
I will never leave you, nor forsake you. So that we may
boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear
what man shall do unto me."

There is no problem in life too difficult for God to solve!

Steps to take to receive the encouragement I need from God in a time of
discouragement and crisis?

1. Do what David did (vs. 7-8)

"He prayed and surrendered to the will of God"

The first time we see David praying is a long time!

He first prayed

..."not for God to bless his plans"

He wanted to know God's plans!

"Surrender"

2. He received strength to do God's will (vs. 9-10)

Our part is to Obey!

God's part is to give us the strength to do His will!

Eph 5:18

Isa 40 31 "they that wait". . . .

3. He trusted God to do the rest (vs. 11-19)

David could have given up and said, "it's no use"

"How can we ever find the raiders"

or "What if they are stronger than us?"

or "What if we're to late?"

But David prayed, he surrendered to God, and trusted God to do the rest.

TRUST AND OBEY

John H. Sammis, 1887

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy with Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
But is blessed if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Illustration: Peter walking on the water

Psa 37:5 "Commit thy way
unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it
to pass."

You may not see how your particular problem is going to be
solved, but God does.

Notice the outcome: (vs. 18-19)

"David recovered all"

(vs. 26) he became a blessing to others.

What if David had not. (vs. 6)

Notice the words, "His" God

Is He your God?