

What Are We Waiting For?

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...” It is quite obvious, in the crazy world we live in today, that the thief (Satan) is doing exactly what Jesus said he would do - in spades, and it seems like we as individuals and we the church have stood by and allowed this to happen. A former Pastor often said “The church is quite often reactive when in fact we should be proactive.”

So what can we do? Well, we could take a lesson from what David did in 1 Samuel chapter 30. When David and his fighting men returned to Zilag, they found it destroyed by fire, and their wives, sons, and daughters had been kidnapped by the Amalekites! They were all greatly distressed, and his men were so distraught they considered stoning David!

Then right in the midst of all the confusion, frustration and discouragement, “...David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.” (30:6) Then he called for the ephod and “...inquired of the Lord...” saying “Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?” The Lord responded “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail (you will) **recover all.**” (30:8)

That should be encouraging to us; maybe it's high time for us to pursue the enemy, take back what he has stolen, resurrect what he has killed, and rebuild what he has destroyed! But how? Here are some thoughts:

- Strengthen ourselves in the Lord! We need to read the word - to know who God is, to know His promises, and to know who we are in Him!
 - Knowledge is power when it comes to dealing with Satan - the more we know, the less power he has over us!
- Unlike David, we already know that we can overtake the enemy, because “Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.” (1 John 4:)
 - Read Ephesians 6:10-18! Know who you are up against, and know how to protect yourself as you pursue the enemy.
 - Read 2 Corinthians 10:4-5; it will help us strengthen ourselves in the Lord, and ready us for battle once we have our armor on.
- Inquire of the Lord! Jesus said of the Holy Spirit: “...**he will guide you into all truth.**” (John 16:13)
 - Ask the Spirit to show you how to get back what you thought was lost forever, ask Him how to resurrect what you thought was dead and lifeless, and ask Him how to rebuild (bigger and better) what's been nothing but a pile of rubble.
- Now you're ready! Go out and pursue, confront, conquer and reclaim what is rightfully yours! Amen!

