

# How Believers Respond to Trouble

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1 Samuel 30:1-31

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## Will It Never End?

- David & men have been tried since 1 Sam 18
- As they return home, they see Ziklag smoking<sup>2</sup>
- Lesson for us<sup>Rom15:4</sup> on how to live in fallen world
- David knew trouble<sup>Ps40:12</sup> but where to turn<sup>Ps40:4-5</sup>

## How Should We Then Live?

### We Should Live By God's Word

- Returned home to find disaster
- Some of David's men sought to stone David<sup>6</sup>
- David strengthened himself in the Lord His God<sup>6</sup>!
- Previously Jonathan strengthened David<sup>1Sam23:16</sup>
- Previously David forgot to include God in his self-talk<sup>1Sam27:1</sup>
- Now David rehearses God's promises<sup>6</sup> & seeks God<sup>7</sup>
- New covenant believers have Gospel & God's Word

### We Should Live by God's Providence

- David inquires of God & is told to pursue & rescue<sup>8</sup>
- David sets off against crazy odds trusting God
- God's providence in an abandoned slave<sup>11-15</sup>
- God cares for His own through providence

### We Should Live by God's Daily Grace

- David and men recover everything<sup>18-20</sup>
- Everyone alive plus tremendous spoils
- Some ragamuffins don't want to share<sup>22</sup>
- David shows grace in action<sup>23-24</sup>: what is from God is to be shared!
- Everything is from God<sup>Jms1:17</sup> so share; It is all God's<sup>Job1:21</sup>
- Law shows basic equity for all<sup>Num31:27</sup>
- Let us live by grace – God's grace!

### We Should Live By Wisdom

- David gifts part of plunder to friends & elders of Judah
- David is a gracious giving king, unlike Saul<sup>158:1ff</sup>
- Later cities gifted will crown David<sup>2Sam5</sup>
- David was living wisely & shrewdly<sup>Lk16:8</sup>
- As believers we must live wisely for God's glory

### We Should Live By Hope

- David gave hope to Israel by sending spoils from enemies of Lord<sup>26</sup>
- Saul lost kingship by not wiping out enemies of the Lord<sup>1515</sup>
- David destroyed Amalekites & blessed people with spoils
- This was theological – David served God
- Two kingdoms: those who are God's & those who oppose God<sup>Ps110:1</sup>
- Focus of God's Word – God triumphing
- Jesus, David's descendant triumphed over death<sup>1Cor15:26</sup>
- Jesus will return again and complete all things<sup>1Cor15:24-28</sup>
- 1 Samuel 30 reminds us that we can have hope like David!
- Christ is returning soon to fully redeem His own