

# Unfairly Attacked

Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 2017

1 Samuel 30:1-20

1 Samuel 30:1-3 David and his men reached Ziklag on the third day. Now the Amalekites had raided the Negev and Ziklag. They had attacked Ziklag and burned it, 2 and had taken captive the women and everyone else in it, both young and old. They killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way. 3 When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive.

## **1. Some of our greatest battles come in times of great victory!**

- 1 Samuel 30:4 So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep.

## **2. The most painful attacks are always against the Family!**

- In moments of crisis, hurt people hurt people.
  - We have to find someone to blame for this rotten situation.
  - People say things they don't mean because they are hurting.
  - I believe all of us have been on the giving and receiving end of this.

David is able to move beyond this failure because he found strength in the Lord.

- Can't wait for someone else.
  - That may never happen
- Can't wait for favorable circumstances.
  - They may not change for a while.

Psalm 40:1-3 I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

## **3. We can go from broken to blessed if we let God do the mending.**

- David's obedience and persistence brings God's direction and favor.

1 Samuel 30:17-20 17 David fought them from dusk until the evening of the next day, and none of them got away, except four hundred young men who rode off on camels and fled. 18 David recovered everything the Amalekites had taken, including his two wives. 19 Nothing was missing: young or old, boy or girl, plunder or anything else they had taken. David brought everything back. 20 He took all the flocks and herds, and his men drove them ahead of the other livestock, saying, "This is David's plunder."