

Read: 1 Samuel 30:1-8,16-19

Day 7

“How to Encourage Yourself In The LORD”

Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelek, “Bring me the ephod.” Abiathar brought it to him, and David inquired of The LORD, “Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?” “Pursue them,” He answered. “You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue.” -1 Samuel 30:7-8

Insight Into The Word: David Empowers Himself

When we arrive at this portion of the text, we see that David empowers himself in the midst of the crisis. Normally, the priest would pray for David, but in this case, David’s crisis is personal, pivotal, and preeminent! He cannot wait on second-hand intercession; he’s got to pray for himself! He asks God two questions: “*Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?*” He seeks The LORD before acting.

David teaches us how to pray in a crisis. Doing nothing in a crisis is a sign of giving up, and David teaches us that we must never give up! Fighting to the end is what a warrior must do!

In seeking The LORD’s guidance, David empowered himself. He empowered himself to get God’s permission, to talk to The LORD about his troubles, and to hear the word of instruction for his family’s well-being. David took advantage of his position in God, his training in war, his mantle of leadership, and his life experiences. And because David sought The LORD, David got his answer that instructed him what to do.

Like David, when you get serious about a crisis and you pursue God in prayer, you too will get an answer for what you are supposed to do! When you learn to empower yourself and seek The LORD for yourself, nobody will have to tell you what God has said because you will have heard Him for yourself! When you learn to empower yourself to pray, you might not see God working, but you can surely feel Him and the empowerment of His Holy Spirit within you.

Thought to Ponder:

How can you better empower yourself through prayer and seeking The LORD?