

1 Samuel 29:1-30:10

David Inquired of the Lord

Do you have a reputation as a warrior for God?

What area do you need to fight for God more?

**When Christians or non-Christians are close to you, what fault would they find in you?
Have you asked God to help you with that, so that you can have a good reputation for God?**

**Is God leading you? Does your strength come from the Lord? What area of your life do
you need to be strengthened in the Lord because you are weak?**

All of this happens about 1000 B.C.

Vs 1-11 The Philistines knew that David was a man of God and an amazing warrior.

**When we depend on God, and live for God, people either come to us for prayer and help or
people do not want us around because of our focus on God. Do people see the power of
God in you?**

Though David lived with the enemy, he never fought against God's people. In fact, David spared
Saul twice.

How do you respond to an enemy? Do you point them to Jesus? Do you pray for them?

Matthew 5:44 *But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*

David had a reputation as a warrior for God; a great warrior.. The Philistine leaders did not want
David around during a battle, because he might trick them and turn on them.

Achish had seen David live for a few years. He trusted David and could not find fault with
David. David showed godly character in his life day in and day out.

In vs. 8, David seems to be acting coy. He never fought God's people, but he is acting
disappointed that he is being sent away.

Vs 1-7 The Amalekites knew all armies were focused elsewhere, and they could win in battle
and gather supplies. They attacked while the Philistines were gone and took captives.

David's family was taken captive.

What do you do when you are sad, scared, worried, or in grief? David prayed!

David lost his people, and because of this David's men talked of killing him. He was low! *Both David and Jesus, in their hardest times, prayed.* In our worst times, we can go to God to strengthen us.

Matthew 26:41 *Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

Luke 18:1-8 *And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" 6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"*

David's family was captured and he did not know what to do. God gave him direction.

Whatever you are going through now, are you being strengthened by God? Are you asking Him for help and wisdom? Are you listening for His answer and obeying what He calls you to do?

We can get discouraged or lose heart in difficult times, but God will never let us down. What do you need to go to God with?

Where have you lost hope and need God's strength?

Go to God now and ask Him to help you.

Philippians 4:13 *I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

1. Jesus strengthens me
2. Jesus helps with issues in day to day life
3. Jesus is all that will satisfy me
4. Jesus knows us, our future, our issues, and the direction we need to go.
5. Jesus should lead us in our day to day life.

Does God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit lead your life? Is He your go to everyday?