

MAKING A COMEBACK

LESSONS FROM DAVID'S COMEBACK I Samuel 30:1-31

SEVEN HABITS THAT MAKE YOU STRONGER

- **THE HABIT OF ENCOURAGING YOURSELF**
- **THE HABIT OF GATHERING WISDOM**
- **THE HABIT OF GETTING A CLEAR VISION**
- **THE HABIT OF TAKING ACTION**
- **THE HABIT OF FORGIVING**
- **THE HABIT OF DILIGENCE**
- **THE HABIT OF GRATEFUL GENEROSITY**

David rescued his two wives and everyone else the Amalekites had taken from Ziklag. No one was missing— young or old, sons or daughters. David brought back everything that had been stolen, including their livestock. David also took the sheep and cattle that the Amalekites had with them, but he kept these separate from the others. Everyone agreed that these would be David's reward.

1 Samuel 30:18-20 CEV

TWO THINGS DAVID DOES AFTER HIS SUCCESS

- **FIRST HE'S GRATEFUL**

On the way back, David went to the 200 men he had left at Besor Gorge, because they had been too tired to keep up with him. They came toward David and the people who were with him. When David was close enough, he greeted the 200 men and asked how they were doing. Some of David's men were good-for-nothings, and they said, "Those men didn't go with us to the battle, so they don't get any of the things we took back from the Amalekites. Let them take their wives and children and go!"

1 Samuel 30:21-22 CEV

But David said: "My friends, don't be so greedy with what the Lord has given us! The Lord protected us and gave us victory over the people who attacked." 1 Samuel 30:23 CEV

- **SECOND HE'S GENEROUS**

David went back to Ziklag with everything they had taken from the Amalekites. He sent some of these things as gifts to his friends who were leaders of Judah, and he told them, "We took these things from the Lord 's enemies. Please accept them as a gift." 1 Samuel 30:26 CEV

He also sent gifts to the other towns where he and his men had traveled. 1 Samuel 30:31 CEV

TO PRACTICE GRATEFUL GENEROSITY....

- ***PRACTICE RECOGNIZING GOD AS YOUR SOURCE***

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protected us and gave us victory over the people who attacked.” 1 Samuel 30:23 CEV

“Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom.” 1 Chronicles 29:11 NLT

“O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!” 1 Chronicles 29:13-14 NLT

- ***PRACTICE MAKING GENEROSITY A PRIORITY***

“And now, because of my devotion to the Temple of my God, I am giving all of my own private treasures of gold and silver to help in the construction.” 1Chronicles 29:3 NLT

“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.” Proverbs 3:9-10 NLT

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

Matthew 6:33 NLT

- ***PRACTICE MAKING GENEROSITY A PERCENTAGE***

Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.” Mark 12:41-44 NLT