

Don't Get Caught Up in the Whys

In 1 Samuel 30, we find King David in a serious predicament; a predicament so outrageous that many of us would probably find it hard to cope with or even believe for that matter. Something like that could happen to us. What am I talking about?

Well, King David went to a city called Ziklag. We find that all the city had been burned. The wives and children had been kidnapped and they were left in ruins. One might say this is a little extreme but still the same happened nevertheless. What can we learn from such a story? I believe there's many things we can learn in a situation to where there's great loss.

Sometimes we can get caught up in the ravines of loss of yesterday and find ourselves spiraling out of control in the defeat of depression and suicidal thoughts. The Bible says that King David, with all the leadership, wept till they could weep no more. Then the leaders were so angry that they wanted to stone him to death. I can imagine their outrage. I mean, I'm sure David could even imagine their outrage but one thing remained the same with King David that we can all learn from.

He didn't ask why. He sought the Lord; it says he inquired of Him and found his strength, encouragement, as well as his new purpose and answer. He asked the Lord, "What do I do now?" And I believe this is the hidden thing that God is looking for in all of us when trials and tragedies come knocking on our front doors. He's looking for that obedience factor. He's looking for a people that would serve Him no matter what the cost. "Leaders lead from the front," I always say. King David was a true leader and an apostolic leader to boot. We could learn a lot from this story of heartache and triumph. Don't get caught up in the whys; simply put, it means one must learn to

continue to serve out of the place of suffering. The Bible says that Jesus learned obedience by the things that He suffered. {eo}

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