

Encourage and Strengthen Yourself in the Lord

1 Samuel 30:3-6

In this life we will experience trouble, but we should not be surprised when strange things occur to us. As a child of God, expect the enemy to attack you.

David was a prime candidate for trouble because God had predestined him to be the next king after Saul. He would endure trials before he would reach that point. Saul would be his greatest adversary, along with defeating Goliath, a lion and a bear. Saul was desperate to kill David, but David was able to elude him.

When David and the men returned to Ziklag, they discovered that everything had been burned to the ground and the wives and children taken. David and the men wept aloud and because of their intense grief they wanted to stone David. However, David strengthened himself in the Lord.

When we find ourselves in similar situations we must encourage ourselves and not focus on how things appear. There is nothing too hard for God if we put it in his hands. He will be with us whether we are going through fire, storms or the river. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. Night turns into day and joy commences..

We must speak words of affirmation to ourselves. When our mind becomes transformed by the word of God then the more faith and confidence we exude.