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You're Going to Get it Back!

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David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God...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 30:6, 8

Even when you are surrounded by ashes, God still answers. David was known for his military victories, but just before he assumed the throne, he faced one of his greatest defeats. On returning to Ziklag, David found his home burned to the ground and his family captured by the Amalekites. The enemy raid was so painful that even his soldiers threatened to kill him. Yet, while David mourned, the Bible says that he found strength in God.

Although the enemy had taken almost everything from David, the assurance of the priestly ephod was still in his possession. David prayed to God amid his ashes and God answered by promising that David would get back everything the enemy had taken away.

Today, you may find yourself in a similar situation to David. The enemy of your soul has taken something very precious away from you. It may be your home or a loved one, but it could also be your joy, your confidence, or your sense of motivation that has been stolen. In those moments, when you find no one to encourage you, God will; He promises to provide strength during times of despair. Whatever you may have lost, you're going to get it back through Christ!

Reflection

Sometimes we need to encourage ourselves in God. Your friends, a pint of ice cream, or a new iPhone will be powerless to encourage you; the only one who can truly encourage you is God. Has the enemy taken anything away from you that you want to get back? If so, write it down or type it on your phone. One way to encourage yourself in God is by recalling the many evidences of His favor. What can you be grateful for today?

Prayer

Loving God, thank you for strengthening me when no else could. When I am surrounded by sickness, personal failure, or even a pandemic, You still answer me. When I am unable to figure out a way of escape, You can. Faith doesn't require me to see, it just calls me to trust in You when I am unable to see.

NEWS AND RESOURCES

- Stay inspired during this week by watching your favorite [Vespers](#) service or our recent [Fall Week of Prayer P.E.A.C.E.](#) experience with Pr. MyRon Edmonds.
- Share your prayer requests or praises with us via text message using your mobile phone. **Text-to-Pray: 423-281-8996.**
- While we cannot meet in person because of physical distancing restrictions, we encourage you to make an appointment to **talk online** with Chaplain [Anna Bennett](#) or [Joseph Khabbaz](#) if you need someone to pray with or are desiring to grow spiritually.