

Greetings Champion!

It's time to encourage yourself in the Lord!

1 Samuel 30:6, "...*But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.*"

Did you ever notice that when you are discouraged, it's hard to hear from and receive from God. Discouragement drains joy, and "*The joy of the Lord is your strength*" (Nehemiah 8:10). No encouragement equals no strength.

When you are discouraged you can't hear from God, you can't receive direction and help from God, and you have no strength to fight, let alone be a conqueror and win in life. The word "dis" before a word makes the word mean the opposite. God commanded His people to "be very courageous" and "have courage."

In other words, those who will obtain and enjoy the promises of God must be courageous, fearless, brave, daring, and be full of courage. To be ***discouraged*** is the opposite of having courage. When one is ***discouraged*** they are fearful, cowardly, and insecure because courage has gone out of them.

David ***encouraged*** (that is, he *put courage in*) himself in the Lord. This was the action God needed to help David. God needs you to be ***encouraged*** to help you.

Note: God loved David, had great plans for David's life, understood David's heartache and disappointment at this loss. However, God couldn't help David as long as David was bummed-out and having a pity-party.

It was **after** David ***encouraged*** himself that God spoke to him and told him to pursue the enemy. It was at this time that God promised David that he would recover all (1 Samuel 30:8).

When you get encouragement back in your life you will hear from God, and start recovering everything the devil stole from you.

Be like David and be a ***self-encourager!***

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