

Greetings Champion!

“David encouraged himself in the Lord his God” (1 Samuel 30:6).

Did you ever notice that when you are discouraged, it’s hard to hear from, and receive from God. Discouragement drains your joy, and *“The joy of the Lord is your strength”* (Nehemiah 8:10).

When you are discouraged you can’t hear from God. You can’t receive direction or help from God. And, you have no strength to fight; let alone be a conqueror in life, as God intends.

In the English language, the word “dis” before a word makes the word to mean the opposite.

God commanded His people to *“have courage”* and *“be very courageous.”* In other words, those who will obtain and enjoy the promises and blessings 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* (“*en*” means to put courage “in”) himself in the Lord. This was the action (the substance) that God needed to help David.

Note: God loved David, He had great plans for David’s life, and understood David’s heartache and disappointment at his loss in Ziklag. However, God couldn’t help David as long as he was feeling sorry for himself and having a pity party by only focusing on his problems. David had to get his courage back, and look to God.

Perhaps you’ve had circumstances that were so bad you feel like you could relate to David. Maybe you have cried until you had no more strength to cry. Maybe you have felt that your world was crumbling around you.

In my new book, *“Jesus Recovered All,”* I give you Biblical principles you will need to encourage yourself in the Lord and bounce back from your loss. I will show you how to turn your set-back into your comeback.

You may purchase my new book, *“Jesus Recovered All”* on my website at pillarsofffaith.com.

Be encouraged,

Pastor Glen