Strength

*For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory****, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man.*** *Ephesians 3:14-16*

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?*

***The LORD is the strength of my life****; Of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1*

# David’s conflict with the Amalekites (1 Samuel 30)

1) The Amalekites burn Ziklag and take captive every man’s wife and children – vs l-6

Tragedy happens and there is no reason, not all suffering makes sense. After you have exhausted yourself with the “whys” and the “blaming,” the next question is, “Where do we go from here?” Philippians 3:12-16

2) David strengthens himself in God and inquires of Him – vs 6-8

* **Waiting on the Lord** strengthens you – Isaiah 40:29-31, Psalm 27:14
* **Prayer** strengthens you – Jude 20, Philippians 4:6-7 Guard, (Strong’s #5432, Gr. phroureo) – A military term picturing a sentry standing guard as protection against the enemy. We are in spiritual combat, but God’s power and peace are our sentinels and protectors.
* **Worship** will strengthen you. Abraham was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God – Romans 4:17-21
* **Seeing the invisible** will strengthen you – Hebrews 11:27, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18
* **Give attention to the Word –** Acts 20:32, Proverbs 4:20-22

3) David recovers all – note vs 19

* By faith, we go forward believing in God’s restoration. God’s restoration may not look the same as what you lost, but His restoration is always greater – Job 42:10-12, Isaiah 61:7

4) Much of the extra spoil he gave to the elders of Judah – vs 26-31

* David was a generous man with what God had blessed him with. We are blessed to be a blessing – Genesis 12:2-3

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*

*I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers me [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ’s sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.] Philippians 4:13*