

BRO. LARRY'S SERMON NOTES

Title: God's Gracious Encouragement!

Text: 1 Samuel 30

Introduction: In 1 Samuel 30, we notice David experiencing a crisis and turning it over to the one who was bigger than his situation. Let's picture the scene. David discovered that the enemy had attacked his camp. Note how his men reacted when they observed their loss. Some sat and wept until they had no more tears to shed (verse 4). Others complained and blamed David and some even suggested that they stone their leader (verse 6). What did he do? Well, David cried like the rest of the soldiers because he too loved his family. However, after that, he stopped feeling sorry for himself and he returned to the Lord for help. "David found strength in the Lord his God" (verse 6b).

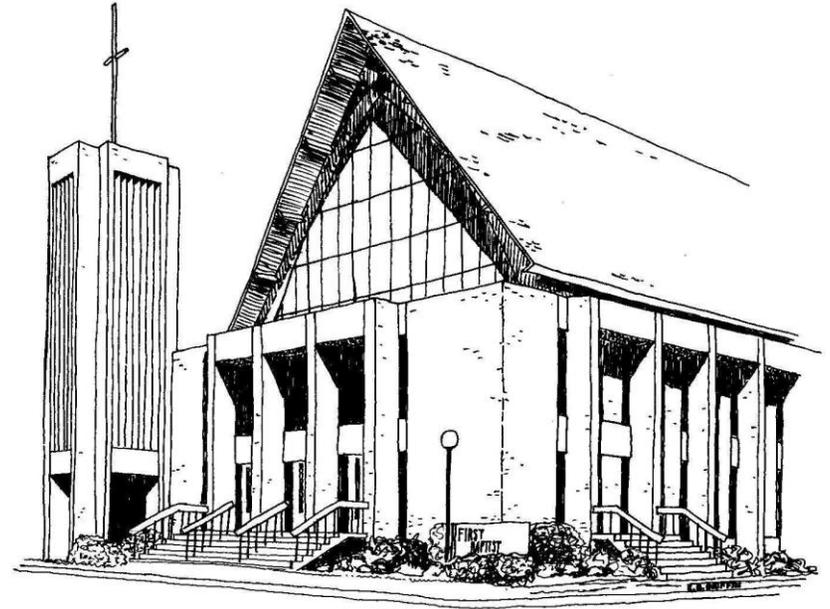
Warren Wiersbe wrote, "A crisis does not make a man; a crisis reveals what the man is made of. Character is not built in the crisis experiences of life. Character is built in the day-by-day experiences, the little decisions and actions that never attract attention. But what we really are is revealed for everyone to see when a crisis comes our way." (Warren W. Wiersbe, *Songs in the Night*, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, MI 1973, p22)

Today, as we are experiencing a crisis with the COVID-19, may we understand the need of getting our encouragement from the Lord. Certainly, the one we have a personal relationship with is bigger than any storm. Nothing is impossible with God. There is no problem too difficult for Him to solve. What then should we do in order to receive God's gracious encouragement? Let's notice some simple steps to take, in fact, the very steps David took.

Step One: We must _____ the will of God. (1 Samuel 30:7, 8)

Step Two: We must _____ on the strength of God. (1 Samuel 30:9, 10)

Step Three: We must _____ trust in God. (1 Samuel 30:11-25)



Sunday, April 5, 2020

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Worship
MORNING SERVICE
10:15 A.M.

Songs of Praise and Worship

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
I Sing Praises
Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King

Prayer

Jesus Paid it All

Reading of God's Word & Call To Prayer.....Micah Head

Message in Song.....Crossroads
The Passion

Message.....Larry Gipson

For Such A Time As This
God's Gracious Encouragement, 1 Samuel 30

Offertory Prayer.....Larry Gipson
I Believe in the Tithe

Postlude.....Celebration Band
I Sing Praises



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS will be delivered to anyone that needs one. Please contact the church office by 12 noon on Monday if you are interested.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Scripture for the week of

April 5-11

Judges 19-21, Ruth 1-4, 1 Samuel 1-17



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*We are offering Sunday School lessons each week. Go to the website oneontafbc.org and follow the instructions for "Online Sunday School."

*We have a lesson taught by Doug Williams on livestream. Also, Bro. Larry has a Bible Study on livestream. Both of these can be viewed at any time.

*Check the website and Facebook for weekly updates and devotions from the ministers.

*Services are broadcast on WCRL Radio, 95.3FM at 12:00 noon and on Otelco Cable channel 70.

*Livestream the worship services on the website. Services can be viewed live at 10:15 or any time during the week.

1 Samuel 30:6b

"But David found strength in the Lord his God."