

Pursue and Recover

1 Samuel 30:1-8 (NKJV)

Satan's attacks are designed to strike you in a way that affects God's call on your life.

David was called by God to lead a nation, but he couldn't even take care of one city.

Satan will try to use one lost battle to win the entire war.

Proverbs 13:12 (NKJV)—Hope deferred makes the heart sick.

When what we expected, what we had hoped for is ripped away, our inner man, our heart, the core of who we are can become weak, indifferent, apathetic to the point we just want to give in and give up.

Joel 1:4 (NKJV)—What the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; What the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten; And what the crawling locust left, the consuming locust has eaten.

1 Samuel 30:6 (NKJV)—BUT David Strengthened himself in the Lord.

Strengthen: to grasp firmly, to strengthen one's grip, to lay hold of, to squeeze

Joshua 1:1-3, 5-9 (NKJV)

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: 2 "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.

5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Psalm 56:1-4 (NLT)—O God, have mercy on me, for people are hounding me. My foes attack me all day long. I am constantly hounded by those who slander me, and many are boldly attacking me. But when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you. I praise God for what he has promised.

I will make clear what He has promised—CLEAR TO HIMSELF

The promises of God are what David/Joshua strengthened themselves with.

The promises of God are what David/Joshua tightened their grip on.

The promises of God are what David/Joshua clung to when they were greatly distressed.

Hebrews 10:23 (NKJV)—Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

2 Peter 1:3-4—God's power and goodness has "given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these we may be partakers of the divine nature...

Hebrews 6:16-19 (TPT)

It is very common for people to swear an oath by something greater than themselves, for the oath will confirm their statements and end all dispute. 17 So in the same way, God wanted to end all doubt and confirm it even more forcefully to those who would inherit his promises. His purpose was unchangeable, so God added his vow to the promise. 18 So it is impossible for God to lie for we know that his promise and his vow will never change! And now we have run into his heart to hide ourselves in his faithfulness. This is where we find his strength and comfort, for he empowers us to seize what has already been established ahead of time—an unshakeable hope! 19 We have this certain hope like a strong, unbreakable anchor holding our souls to God himself.

David and Joshua were proactive.

THEY strengthened themselves in the Lord.

THEY had to be strong and courageous.

THEY had to HOLD FAST to the promises of God.

Joel 2:25-26 (NKJV)—“I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten— the chewing locust and the swarming locust, the crawling locusts and the consuming locust— my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed.”

1 Samuel 30:8-10 (NKJV)— 8 So David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?” And He answered him, “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.” PURSUE—to follow closely in order to capture

You can be reactive in your situation and just sit back and take what you get.

You can curl up and give up, or you can stand up and tighten your grip on the promises of God and PURSUE and RECOVER ALL.

9 So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the Brook Besor, where those stayed who were left behind. 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so weary that they could not cross the Brook Besor.

1 Samuel 30:17-19 (NKJV)—Then David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. 18 So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. 19 And

nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all.