



not what i planned!!!

From Bad to Worse!

Journey with Jesus: Luke 22:7-23:16
October 2, 2016 - Pastor Bruce French

What happens when God is acknowledged?

1. When God is acknowledged our _____

is _____. 1 Samuel 30:1-6

a) Practice _____ God's

_____.

2. When God is acknowledged our _____

is _____. 1 Samuel 30:7-22

a) Practice _____ God's

_____.

3. When God is acknowledged our _____

is _____. 1 Samuel 30:23-31

a) Practice _____ God's

_____.

Take Home Truth

When God is acknowledged _____

makes _____.

Today's Core Practice:

Prayer: "I pray to God to know Him, to confess sin, make request before Him and to find direction for my daily life."
(from Psalm 66:16-20)

Today's Action:

How have you been acknowledging God lately? Continue practicing 5+5+5=Shalom and evaluate your progress.

hand in hand



verse by verse

Deeper Connection Study

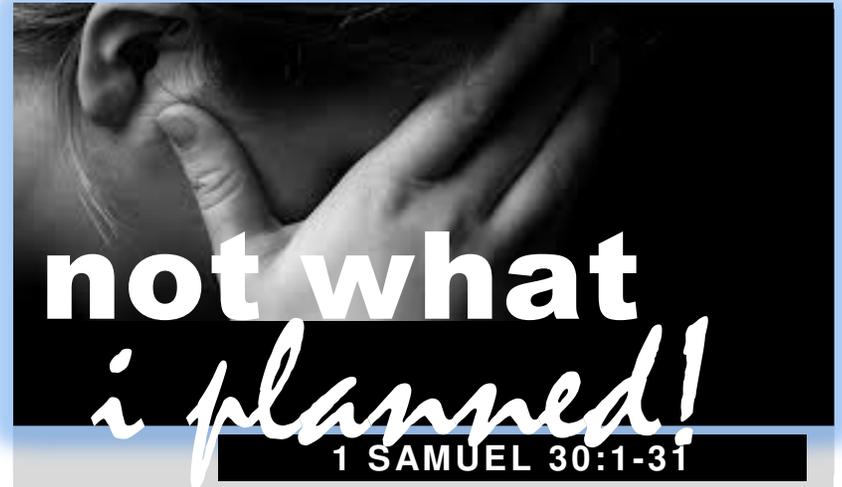
David and his men take a three-day, 50-mile trek from Aphek to Ziklag (which also explains why David is absent from Saul's impending doom on Mount Gilboa). As the narrative continues, we are reminded of the stark contrasts that existed between David and Saul (note events of chapters 15 and 28).

Today's Core Practice discussed: Prayer.

Read 1 Samuel 30

1. What did David discover upon his return to Ziklag (vv. 1-6)? Was this a consequence that God allowed? Why?
2. How did David and his men react to what happened (vv. 4-6)? How was his leadership skill tested?
3. When and how do you seek God's counsel (vv. 7-8)? How have you been strengthened by the Lord during difficult times (v. 6; cf. Ezra 7:28; Dan. 10:18)?
4. What aspects of diplomacy did David demonstrate following his victory over the Amalekites (vv. 21-25, 26-31)? Why did he take such steps?
5. What contrasts do you see between Saul and David regarding their conflicts with the Amalekites (cf. 1 Sam. 15)? Looking back at their character and leadership, how did each man deal with crises they encountered?
6. Describe God's faithfulness even when we lack faith (cf. 2 Tim. 2:13). How has your faith in God enabled you to effectively deal with crises?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Thank God for guidance and hope. Pray for endurance during difficult times and for God to increase your faith and trust in him.



At some point, everyone has “one of those weeks.” You know the kind: when you think it couldn't get any worse and yet it does! Just about the time you think you have hit rock bottom, “you've lost your job, the creditors are calling day and night and you're running late for a much-needed job interview,” the bottom falls out when you come out to find your car has a flat tire.

It seemed that the “not-quite” King David was having “one of those lives,” not just “one of those days.” First it looked like he was going to have to go to war against his own countrymen, which would have ruined any chance of ever being king. Then he almost got himself and his men killed when the Philistine rulers found out that he had been hanging out with their own King Achish. Finally when he thought he had dodged a bullet he came home to Ziklag and an unthinkable predicament with a probable mutiny by his men. Who could have known? *God*. God knew all along and he knows all along about what circumstances await you. Wouldn't you like to know what he knows? Maybe you should ask!