

GET A WORD FROM GOD

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1 SAM 30:1-8

David was beginning to recover from the initial shock of the tragedy brought about by the Amalekite raid on Ziklag. He had encouraged himself as he played his harp and praised His God. His newfound courage had set him apart from the rest of his men, and once again they looked to him for leadership. As David reasserted his authority, the mutineers ceased their foolish talk of stoning him. Now every eye was upon their stalwart leader as they waited for his direction. What would he do?

David called for Abiathar. Abiathar was the only priest to escape the massacre of the priest by Saul at Nob a few years earlier. Since that time, Abiathar had become a close personal friend of David and traveled with him in his journeys. He had been with David in Aphek and had returned with him to Ziklag.

When David wanted to fight a battle, he would call for Joab, but when David wanted to seek the Lord, he would call for Abiathar. If David ever needed a word from God, he needed one now. So David called for the man of God.

When Abiathar came, David said to the priest, "Please bring me the ephod." The ephod was the garment of the priest. When David would seek the Lord, he would wear the linen ephod. After Abiathar brought David the ephod, the men watched as David laid aside his weapons of war and put on the simple linen ephod. Then David asked to be left alone. It was time for him to seek a word from God. Through the night David prayed and waited and listened for the voice of God. And then it came! It was what he needed more than anything else, a word from God. It did not come to his head, but to his heart.

God speaks to the heart, to the spirit, much more than He speaks to the head.

1 Sam 30:8 And David inquired at the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

God spoke 12 twelve words to David. Twelve words that can be read in a couple of seconds but that was enough. David may have prayed all night seeking the will of God, but in a matter of seconds, everything changes when you hear the voice of God.

With a word from God, David had everything he needed to turn a tragedy into a triumph! Never underestimate the power of a word from God!

When you are unsure about what to do next, find a place to pray and get a word from God!