1 Samuel Lesson 21 (2021)

**DAVID FINDS STRENGTH IN THE LORD HIS GOD**

1 Samuel 29:1-30:31

Key Verse: 30:6

**Open it:**

1. What qualities keep a leader in office even through hard times?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 1-11. When he was caught having to fight against his own people, how was David extricated? How can we see God’s hand here, and what did Lord David learn through his experience?
2. Read 30:1-6a. What did David and his men find when they returned to Ziklag? (1-3) What was the reaction of David and his troops to the destruction of their city? (4) What was David’s loss in the Amalekite raid? Why did his loyal men suddenly turn on him? (6a)
3. Read verses 6b-8. How did David handle his own loss and the criticism of others? (6b) As a leader, what first step did David take about his dilemma? (7-8)
4. Read verses 9-20. Why did some of David’s men stay behind? (9-10) What method did David use to locate the troops that had captured his family and subjects? (11-15) What was the outcome of David’s battle with the Amalekites? (16-17) To what extent the Israelites were able to recover their families and property? (18-20)
5. Read verses 21-30. What did some of David’s men want to do about two hundred troops who had not gone into battle? (21-22) Why is an extreme concern for fairness sometimes a camouflage for greed? What was David’s perspective on the sharing of the spoils of war? (23-25) What did David do for those who had helped him? (26-31)

**Apply it:**

1. What can we learn from David’s character as a leader?