

1 Samuel 30:6

*“And David was greatly distressed; for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.”*

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There are moments in life when the people around you may turn against you. And if not people, then circumstances and situations may oppose you so strongly that you feel like giving up on standing or moving forward. When you look to the right and to the left, there is nothing supporting you—neither people nor possessions.

This is what happened to David. The same man who had once been celebrated with songs of praise—“Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands”—the one who was loved and honored, now found that everything had changed. They

wanted to stone him. They wanted him dead.

He could not see anyone to hold his hand, lift him up, or comfort him. Yet he did not sit down and cry, saying, “Lord, why do I not see a helper?” He did not say, “Lord, look at all the kindness I showed them, and today they want to stone me.”

Although David was in deep distress, the Scriptures tell us that he strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

He did not seek strength from people.

As a result, when he pursued the enemy army, he overtook them, defeated them, and recovered all the captives who had been taken, along with many possessions. It became a great victory.

But all of it began with strengthening himself inwardly. That was David’s key to success.

Today, many people remain waiting for comfort from others, for encouragement from others, for validation from others. Indeed, those things are good. But when they disappear, their vision dies

with them.

However, if we strengthen ourselves in the Lord, we will succeed in every season—even in difficult times.

We do not succeed first and then strengthen ourselves in the Lord. We strengthen ourselves first—then victory comes afterward. That is the spiritual principle.

Before strategies and plans, we must first prepare ourselves inwardly. We must trust the God who called us, believing that He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. Then we move forward to fulfill the vision.

Walk in that principle. Remove your expectations from human beings.

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