

THE LIFE OF
DAVID



DEFEATING THE GIANT OF FEAR

Every successful person I can think of has had to come back from discouraging circumstances. That's true of people I know personally and those I read about in the Bible. As a matter of fact, every single person in the Bible is a comeback story from something.

- RAY JOHNSTON, THE HOPE QUOTIENT

CONTEXT (ISRAEL 1040 BC) - Discouragement is Everywhere!

► “The people were on a long drift from God.”

G. FREDERICK OWEN, CHARLES R. SWINDOLL. DAVID: A MAN OF PASSION & DESTINY (GREAT LIVES FROM GOD'S WORD SERIES: VOLUME 1)

► King Saul was losing his mind and the kingdom

► The Philistines are becoming the dominant regional power

EXPERIENCING DISCOURAGEMENT

► The _____ – Nobody Noticed

The Lesson – Fighting Discouragement in Isolation

The Season – David the Shepherd 1 SAMUEL 16

Then Samuel consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice... Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.” So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.” 1 SAMUEL 16:5, 10-11

► The _____ – Everybody Blamed

The Lesson – Facing Discouragement from Insiders

The Season – David the Fugitive 1 SAMUEL 30

*When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep. David's two wives had been captured – Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel. David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. **But David found strength in the Lord his God.** 1 SAMUEL 30:3-6*

TRANSFORMING DISCOURAGEMENT

STEP 1



'but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.' **1 SAMUEL 30:6 KJV**

STEP 2



"Bring me the ephod...Pursue them," he answered. "You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue." **1 SAMUEL 30:7-8**

STEP 3



David and the six hundred men with him came to the Besor Valley...
1 SAMUEL 30:9

► The _____ – Where Everybody Mattered

The Lesson – Finding Encouragement for Others

The Season – David the King **2 SAMUEL 9**

Now then, tell my servant David, "This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel."

2 SAMUEL 7:8

*David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" "At your service," he replied. The king asked, "Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?" Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet." "Where is he?" the king asked. **2 SAMUEL 9:1-4***

◆ **An Encourager Creates the _____**

◆ **An Encourager is Attracted to _____**

