



FINDING STRENGTH IN GOD

Keys from the Life of David

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***But David found strength in the
Lord his God.
(1 Sam. 30:6)***



Keys from the Life of David:

1. BE CONTENT WITH WHERE YOU ARE

1 Sam. 16:1-13

- Remember: private victories are safer than public ones!
- Hiddenness is where God prepares you for public battles. You can't circumnavigate this season if you want to stand in the day of public battles!
- Never be offended by lack of recognition!
- Be faithful with what is in your hand.

2. HAVE A HEART TO SERVE

1 Sam. 16:14-23

- Often the best preparation for a calling is to serve someone in that calling.

3. IN THE FACE OF FALSE ACCUSATION, STILL DO THE WILL OF GOD

1 Sam. 17:26-31

- Don't allow the enemy to paralyze you with false accusation.
- Don't get distracted by false accusation.

4. IN THE DAY OF PUBLIC BATTLE, HAVE
THE SAME HEART AND ATTITUDE THAT YOU
HAD IN PRIVATE

1 Sam. 17:34-37

- Know that once you have had victory in public, all hell may break loose.
- Your closest supporters may throw spears at you. Dodge them and remember to never let them penetrate your heart.



5. WHEN YOU ARE CHEATED, KEEP
YOUR HEART.

1 Sam 18:17-19

6. WHEN THOSE IN AUTHORITY COME
AGAINST YOU, KEEP YOUR HEART AND DO
NOT RETURN LIKE FOR LIKE.

1 Sam. 19:11-12

What was David's response?

Ps. 59

7. WHEN YOU FACE YOUR FEAR TO FIGHT OTHERS'
BATTLES FOR THEM AND THEY BETRAY YOU, KEEP
YOUR HEART

1 Sam. 23:1-12

What was David's response?

Ps. 54

8. WHEN THOSE CLOSEST TURN ON YOU, KEEP YOUR HEART AND TRUST IN THE LORD

1 Sam. 30:1-31

- David had spent years with these men, pouring his life into them, leading them.
- They had fought together, slept together, eaten together, laughed together, trusted each other with their lives.
- They were his warriors, his closest allies on earth.
- They wanted to kill him.

9. REMEMBER, OUR SEASONS OF GREATEST TESTING AND APPARENT DEFEAT, ARE THE SPRINGBOARDS FOR GOD'S PURPOSES.

1 Sam. 31



Spears to dislodge from
our hearts:

1. BITTERNESS

Heb. 12:12-16

Acts 8:20-23

2. OFFENSE

*And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.
Phil. 1:9-11*

3. UNFORGIVENESS

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Mt. 6:14-15

4. JUDGEMENT

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

Mt. 7:1-2

CONCLUSION

- David was able to strengthen himself in the Lord at the height of his testing, just before his promotion to king.
- He was able to do this, because he kept his heart and endured many tests
- He trusted in God.
- We too, need to learn to find strength in our God.
- In order to do this, we need to remove any spears of bitterness, judgement, unforgiveness and offense that we may have allowed to pierce our hearts.