

Reaching Your Destiny Part 4
Vanquishing The Enemy
1 Sam 30:1-19

How do we deal with bad days?

Its one thing to talk about reaching your destiny when everything is easy

Its another to talk about it when you have a enemy who is fighting back

What is going on during these days?

When things are going wrong, God desires for us to fight back

David and his men had a really bad day when they returned home and found their families gone and everything destroyed –

Things were as bad as they could possibly be

They had no reason to believe they would ever see their loved ones again

They had no reason to believe they would ever get any of their possessions back

It was so bad they wept until they had no strength left

We have an enemy who attacks:

1. Our families
2. Our lives, health and well-being
3. Our property and wealth

Now that is the bad news

The good news is....

We Can Defeat The Enemy And Get Everything Back

What is God's plan for our victory?

1. Cry out to God

Let God know your emotions and needs

Express them in prayer, psalms, singing, and communication

2. Identify the real enemy – the enemy of our soul

They decided David was the enemy

The enemy is not your spouse, boss, neighbor or any other person

Eph 6:12 –

3. Strengthen yourself in the Lord

Encourage yourself

Lift up your faith

4. Seek God for wisdom

We need a plan on how to fight the enemy

And it's different every time

5. Take Action

Fight back (stop blocking the blows of the enemy with your face) illust: Rocky Movie.....

God has created you for victory and not for defeat

6. Do not give up along the way

In 1 Sam 30, one-third of the men (200) gave up because they did not have enough faith

They made a choice to give up

7. Remember God is with you to destroy the enemy

God is with you

What we find is that when we do fight back the enemy isn't actually ready for that

How did David strengthen himself in the Lord his God

1. He woke up

He remembered who he was in the Lord

*We are people of covenant – We are people of promise – We are people of power!!!

2. He stood up

He reminded himself of God's promises and he stood on them

David declared those promises

Isa 35:4 –

Ps 112:1-2 –

3. He looked up

David moved from the flesh to a place in his spirit, from physical eyes to spiritual eyes

4. He spoke up

David praised God and made a faith declarations

Ps 3:6 –

Ps 23:4 –

Ps 56:3 –

Ps 118:17 –

5. He stopped talking

He quitted his spirit and meditated on who God is and on His acts

He meditated on God's purposes, faithfulness, power, and how God had rescued him in the past

Ps 77:1 –

Ps 77:11-15 –

If the enemy has been attacking you stop using your face to block the punches

Fight back!

Meditate on the purpose – faithfulness – and power of God

Remember how God has delivered you in the past

Our God is here and is powerful to save

We have an enemy and we must choose to fight and not grow weary or give up – greater is He that is in us.....

We must encourage ourselves in the Lord so that our faith can rise-up and we can fight against the enemy!!!