

Scripture Text - 1 Samuel 30:1-8

Message Title: A Kingdom Response

You must be a citizen of the Kingdom of God to be able to handle, deal and overcome the crises or any other obstacle you may face in this world we live in. We are in this world, but we are not of this world. Meaning, there are ways of thinking and ways of doing things that are done in the world that as citizens of the Kingdom of God (Believers in Jesus Christ and His ways) that we do not partake of.

Citizenship: In the United States of America, the number one document that is acknowledge as proof of citizenship is a US Passport and secondly a State Certificate of Live Birth. In the Kingdom of God, that proof of citizenship is called the Holy Spirit that lives on the inside of you that bear the Character and Ways of God. It leads, Guides and Teaches you in all truth. Sometimes we struggle with speaking in tongues as evidence and it is part of it but as you walk with and spend time with the Jesus, the language will come. It is very important, because it is a language that the devil does not and cannot interpret nor understand.

The Text: An illegal kidnapping had taken place and evoked a psychological war in the minds of these men. Their wives and children had been taken captive, and they slew not any, either great or small but carried them away. By doing this the enemy knew it would work on their minds and give imagery that perhaps they were being repeatedly raped and their sons being made slaves. This is what is called Gaslighting, a form of manipulation designed to make victims question their own reality or sanity. (It Work). The enemy has strategies too.

The scripture says, they wept until they had no more power to weep. This would be defined as an ambiguous loss or an ambiguous form of grief. That grief turned into an anger that changed their perspective about the leader to the point of wanting to stone him.

When grief is turned into misplaced anger, you will look for a target to hold accountable, even if it is God himself.

Verse 6: In this verse David displays resilience by pressing through a hard time while keeping a strong spiritual mindset, that my God can give me the power to recover quickly, adapt to change or to keep pushing forward. He could not move to verse 7 until he obtained victory in verse 6. He acknowledges the pain; he wept with them, but he did not allow his emotions to govern his

response versus their reaction. What you do not confront, you cannot conquer. (Romans 8:37) Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors and gain an overwhelming victory through Him (Jesus) who loved us [so much that he died for us.]

-David's distress led him to encourage himself but the men were grieved to anger that led to wanting to stone David.

In a Crisis or a faith moment, you must protect your Spirit, because the way you talk is the result of the way you think and the way you think is the result of the way you either act or react!

-David encouraged himself. He remembered past victories. He recalled how God delivered him from previous dangers. In chapter 17, David gives his resume to king Saul, "while I was tending to my father's sheep, when a lion or bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, I went after it and attacked it and rescued the lamb from its mouth, and when it rose up against me, I seized it by its whiskers and struck and killed it. "In chapter 18, he slew two hundred philistines and brought back their foreskin as evidence that he completed the job and obtained the victory. In chapter 19, he had to flee for his life from king Saul and that was no easy task. In chapter 23, he fights and saves the city Keilah. He used his **History** with God to fuel his mind and thoughts as proof that God will show up!

Question: Do you have history with God that you can recall in a moment of crisis, that would shift you into victory mode? I Got History with God!!

-David relied on a lifetime habit of **Prayer** and **Dependency** on God that he built long before the crisis ever hit. Your emotions should never drive your decisions in the Kingdom of God but rather your history with how you seen God work in your life, should immediately shift your thoughts on how those that walk with God are enabled through Christ strengthening them, to joy even in tribulation or a crisis. (Romans 5:3)

The Hebrew word for encourage is Chazaq, which means to *bind* together, fasten, strengthen, or take courageous hold of. Victory starts in the mind before ever hitting your feet. David had to make an aggressive mental pivot. He forced his mind to lock onto God.

2 Corinthians 10:5 – "We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ".

Colossians 3:2 – "Set your mind on things above, not earthly things."

- David had to move away from emotionalism and anxiety of those men and set his mind on God.
- Take a moment and lock your mind into God!!!

- A reaction is an instant, automatic, and emotional reflex to a trigger, whereas a response is a slow deliberate, and thoughtful action based on reasoning. (We are living in a world full of Christian reactors with emotional triggers and fear is the biggest one).
- Many have died over emotional triggers.
- People in the world are watching how the leaders and the church at large are either reacting or responding to what is going on in our world today. (Where is the Impact of the Church).
- He first had to calm himself so that he wouldn't make any rash decisions outside of God. The to walking with God is waiting on his move first. David knew he could not make a move without God. (They that wait on the Lord) (Isaiah 40:31 – Will gain new strength and renew their power)
- The world teaches you to react but in the Kingdom of God, the Holy Spirit teaches you to reflect on God's goodness and His greatness and in that reflection, you will find peace and instructions on how to respond. David did so by encouraging himself in the Lord his God.
- ***There is a renewal in waiting. The Lord will exchange your exhaustion for renewed strength.***
- You realize in moments like these that every event allowed by God is either a test of faith or a tool of growth and sometimes He will allow you to feel the pressure to test your capacity. David was eagerly waiting on Gods next move, fully expecting Him to respond because he knew His character.
- Verse 7 – David sent for the Ephod, his worship garment. A posture of worship!! I believe he sung the song of Moses in Exodus 15:11
- Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?
- Verse 8 David inquired at the Lord, now he's ready to make his petition before the Lord. He wanted God's plan, God's strategy and that required him to wait on the Lord.
- David understood that God is a God of Plans and Strategies. He was a man of war and anyone going to battle [If they planned on taking victory] must have a plan and a strategy on how they will implement that plan. Since the time of his calling, he studied and spent time with God and learned the ways of God.
- The Hebrew word for wait is Qavah. It means to bind or twist together. To pull cords together. It means to intertwine your life and strength with God while you wait. Qavah means stretching your heart toward God in faith and letting His strength replace your own.

- In other words. Your Wait has Weight
- The weight of your faith in God
- The weight of your praise and worship unto God
- The weight of your time spent with God and His word
- The weight of your walk with God
- The weight of the Holy Ghost working through you, it holds weight in the realm of the Spirit!
- True believers in Christ Jesus that understand the Kingdom of God, don't make moves without God and we don't react, we respond

David was going to respond with some weight!!

He knew they were watching him to see his reaction. The world is watching us to see our response in this world that God has given us Dominion and Power over!

He couldn't just fall apart he was their leader. He remembered Psalms 40:1 – I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. The Hebrew word for incline means to bend down. God lowered himself to listen to David's cry of worship and then he responded to David's request.

It was a Kingdom response. The King responded to his beloved David!