

Title: When the cookie crumbles
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a: David's example

1 Samuel 30:6 ⁶ Now 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 his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

Amp: encouraged and strengthened

b: a life in need of strength

Psalm 27:10-13 ¹⁰ When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take care of me.¹¹ Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.¹² Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence.¹³ I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the godness of the LORD In the land of the living.

“A man after God's own heart”

1. Overlooked for the Judean talent show.
2. Mistrusted by his brothers.
3. Hated by the king.
4. Labelled as an outlaw.
5. On the verge of losing everything, friends turn on him.
6. Had to pretend madness to survive.
7. Had to carry burden of shame and guilt.
8. Saw his family being torn apart by rape, murder and rebellion.

1. Strength for endurance

1 Samuel 30:7-10 ⁷ Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, "Please bring the ephod here to me." And Abiathar brought the ephod to David.⁸ So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all."⁹ So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the Brook Besor, where those stayed who were left behind.¹⁰ But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so weary that they could not cross the Brook Besor.

2. Strength for the battle

Samuel 30:17-19 ¹⁷ Then David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled.¹⁸ So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives.¹⁹ And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all.

3. Strength in wisdom

1 Samuel 30:21-25 ²¹ Now David came to the two hundred men who had been so weary that they could not follow David, whom they also had made to stay at the Brook Besor. So they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him. And when David came near the people, he greeted them. ²² Then all the wicked and worthless men of those who went with David answered and said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except for every man's wife and children, that they may lead them away and depart." ²³ But David said, "My brethren, you shall not do so with what the LORD has given us, who has preserved us and delivered into our hand the troop that came against us. ²⁴ "For who will heed you in this matter? But as his part is who goes down to the battle, so shall his part be who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike."²⁵ So it was, from that day forward; he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.

"3. The invitation

Matthew 11:28-30 ²⁸ "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.²⁹ "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰ "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."