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Bible Study

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A Hand Up Instead Of A Hand Out

I Samuel 30:8-18

Acts 3:7 reads, "Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong." (NIV) This verse records the action that was taken by a believer to help someone in need. Most individuals, if not all, find themselves dependent on the aid of others in order to experience success throughout life. Spiritually speaking, modern day followers of the Jesus could never overcome their pains, problems and plagues without the help of the Lord. This lesson is designed to examine an encounter in the life of David to point out what God provides to assist believers.

Breakdown of I Samuel Chapter 30

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| 1. David's <u>Plight</u> | Verses 1-6 |
| 2. David's <u>Plea</u> | Verses 7, 8 |
| 3. David's <u>Plan</u> | Verses 9-31 |

1. God can assist believers by providing Suggestions for them.
Verses 6, 8
"David was now in great danger because all his men were very bitter about losing their sons and daughters, and they began to talk of stoning him. But David found strength in the LORD his God. 8) Then David asked the LORD, "Should I chase after this band of raiders? Will I catch them?" And the LORD told him, "Yes, go after them. You will surely recover everything that was taken from you!" (NLT)
2. God can assist believers by providing Support for them.
Verses 9, 10
"So David and his 600 men set out, and they came to the brook Besor. 10) But 200 of the men were too exhausted to cross the brook, so David continued the pursuit with 400 men." (NLT)

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3. God can assist believers by providing **Surprises** _____ for them.

Verses 11, 13, 14

“Along the way they found an Egyptian man in a field and brought him to David. They gave him some bread to eat and water to drink. 13) To whom do you belong, and where do you come from?” David asked him. “I am an Egyptian—the slave of an Amalekite,” he replied. “My master abandoned me three days ago because I was sick. 14) We were on our way back from raiding the Kerethites in the Negev, the territory of Judah, and the land of Caleb, and we had just burned Ziklag.” (NLT)

4. God can assist believers by providing **Success** _____ for them.

Verses 15-18

“Will you lead me to this band of raiders?” David asked. The young man replied, “If you take an oath in God’s name that you will not kill me or give me back to my master, then I will guide you to them.” 16) So he led David to them, and they found the Amalekites spread out across the fields, eating and drinking and dancing with joy because of the vast amount of plunder they had taken from the Philistines and the land of Judah. 17) David and his men rushed in among them and slaughtered them throughout that night and the entire next day until evening. None of the Amalekites escaped except 400 young men who fled on camels. 18) David got back everything the Amalekites had taken, and he rescued his two wives.” (NLT)

5. God can assist believers by providing **Substance** _____ for them.

Verses 19, 20

“Nothing was missing: small or great, son or daughter, nor anything else that had been taken. David brought everything back. 20) He also recovered all the flocks and herds, and his men drove them ahead of the other livestock. “This plunder belongs to David!” they said.” (NLT)

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