
Recovering All, Part V (I'm Getting It All Back)

Recovering All

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Sermon: Recovering All: Recovering All, Part V (I'm Getting It All Back)

Lesson Text

1 Samuel 30:16–19 (KJV)¹⁶ And when he had brought him down, behold, *they were* spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. ¹⁷ And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled. ¹⁸ And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. ¹⁹ And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them: David recovered all.

Introduction

To understand “Recovering All,” we must juxtapose (compare and contrast) it to “Losing All!” In our first message of this series, we looked at what happened to David and his men when they lost everything.

The first thing they lost was their heart:

- 1 Samuel 30: ³ So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, *it was* burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.
- They lost that which meant the most to them; their family and their homes. The main reason why we do what we do is for our family, our spouse, our children. Their wellbeing and protection means everything to us.

The next thing that they lost was their fight:

- 1 Samuel 30: ⁴ Then David and the people that *were* with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.
- In the Art of War, Sun Tzu states that the greatest victory is that which requires no battle; when the enemy can get you to give up without a fight.

The final thing they lost was their faith:

- 1 Samuel 30: ⁶ And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.
- They believed in David, they heard of his great exploits, they trusted and followed him. But now they have given up on him to the point of talking about stoning him.

And so, David seeks God, and what he gets is a promise that we can all take solace in, the promise of recovering all.

1 Samuel 30:⁸ And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake *them*, and without fail recover *all*.

Today's message looks at the fulfillment of that promise.

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Series and Sermon: Recovering All: Recovering All, Part V (I'm Getting It All Back)

“Getting Back Your Heart, Getting Back Your Fight, and Getting Back Your Faith”

I. Getting Back Your Heart

1 Samuel 30:¹⁶ And when he had brought him down, behold, *they were* spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

In verse 3, David and his Men lost their heart.

1 Samuel 30:³ So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, *it was* burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. when they saw their homes burned and their families taken captives.

When you lose your heart, that which you cherish and love the most, you can go into a pity party and fall into depression.

To get their heart back, God shows them the enemy eating, drinking, and dancing over their misfortune. And they went from feeling sorry for themselves to getting angry at the enemy.

It's called Righteous Indignation. This is an anger and hatred for the evil that works against the will of God.

Jesus had righteous indignation at the hardness of the hearts of the Pharisees who would rather see a man stay in affliction, than for Jesus to heal him on the Sabbath. Mark 3:5 (KJV)⁵ And when he had **looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts**, he saith unto the man, **Stretch forth thine hand**. And he stretched *it* out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

To recover all, you have to stop feeling sorry for yourself about your loss, to start getting angry with the devil who's rejoicing over it.

Romans 12:⁹ *Let* love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

And you need your heart because you can't recover all without it!

“Get Angry and get your heart back!”

Psalms 51:¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. ¹² Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

II. Getting Back Your Fight

1 Samuel 30: ¹⁷ And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

In verse 4 we see David and his men lose their will to fight.

1 Samuel 30: ⁴ Then David and the people that *were* with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

They had become so physically and emotionally drained that one third of them wouldn't even be able to make the journey of recovery.

But once you get your heart back, you have to get your fight back. Why? Because the enemy is not going to just voluntarily give you back what he stole, you're going to have to take it back.

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor, it must be demanded by the oppressed."

When David saw the enemy enjoying and dancing over what they took, his fight came back.

John 10: ¹⁰ **The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.**

When the devil steals, kills, and destroys, he's not going to just voluntarily give back what he took, you're going to have to fight and take it back.

2 Corinthians 10: ⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Ephesians 6: ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

2 Timothy 1: ⁷ For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

1 Timothy 6: ¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

III. Getting Back Your Faith

1 Samuel 30: ¹⁸ And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. ¹⁹ And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them: David recovered all.

To recover all and get it all back:

- We must get our heart back through righteous indignation.

- We must get our fight back through using the weapons of our warfare.
- We must get our faith back through trusting and believing in the Word of God.

In verse 6, we see David and his men lose their faith when they allow their distresses to cause them to stop believing.

1 Samuel 30: ⁶ And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

When you lose your faith, you will stop trusting in your calling, lose your purpose, and turn on each other.

And without faith, you can never recover all!

Hebrews 11: ⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

But to get your faith back, you have to take your mind off your circumstances, and off the people who are blaming you, and put it back on the word and the promises of God.

David had a word and a promise from God!

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2 Corinthians 1: ²⁰ For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Romans 10: ¹⁷ So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1 Samuel 30: ¹⁹ And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them: David recovered all.

“I'm Getting It All Back”

Matthew 19: ²⁹ **And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.** ³⁰ **But many *that are* first shall be last; and the last *shall be* first.**

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Recovering All, Part V (I'm Getting It All Back))

Lesson Text

- 1 Samuel 30:16–19

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *Getting Back Your Heart*

II. *Getting Back Your Fight*

III. *Getting Back Your Faith*

Questions (What was your takeaway from Sunday's Sermon?)

I. Getting to Know "Me"

1. Share with your group members how many of each of the following you have: a) siblings b) children c) grandchildren.
2. You are about to travel coast to coast across the country. What is your chosen form of transportation? a) horseback b) car c) train d) bus e) airplane

II. Into the Bible

1. Paul gives instructions to believers to do good to those in the household of faith in Galatians 6:6-10: i) Why is it important to provide for those who teach you the Word? ii) Give examples how one can provide for them. iii) What does God's principle of sowing and reaping mean? iv) Who benefits from this principle? v) What does it mean to sow to the Spirit? vi) How can one avoid weariness in doing good especially to those in the household of faith?

III. Life Application

1. How can one recognize that they have lost their heart? According to this message, what can one do to get their heart back?
2. The Bible tells us that all we need is faith the size of a grain of mustard seed, which suggests it's more about the length of our faith instead of the size of our faith. What can we do to lengthen our faith to see the manifestation of our recovery?