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## **1 Samuel 30:1-30**

### ***SUCCESS IS FOUND IN GOD***

1. Think back over situations where you have felt overwhelmed and desperate, or you have been with others in those situations. What is your response and where did you look for help?
2. Pray for the Spirit to speak as we study God's Word.
3. Briefly look back at the previous few chapters. Try to summarise the story up to the end of chapter 29.
4. Read 1 Samuel 30:1-30.

5. What was the initial reaction of David and his men to the taking of their families by the Amalekites (3-6)?
  
6. Why is it significant to know that David inquires of the Lord (7-8)? How does David's response compare to Saul's (refer to 1 Sam 28:3-25)?
  
7. How does David meeting the Egyptian (11-15) relate to David's prayer?
  
8. What was the miracle in verses 19 and 20?
  
9. How does David deal with the advice that the plunder should not be shared with the men who were too exhausted to fight (21-24)?

10. What is David's understanding of the source of their victory (25-26) and how does this compare to Saul?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What do we learn about God, his character and purposes in this account?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. What do we learn about David and his men?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. What kinds of things can we do to help ourselves and each other to turn to God in hard times?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. As we finish exploring 1 Samuel, share one thing that has stood out to you or something that you feel you have learned or grown in.

15. Pray for each other.