

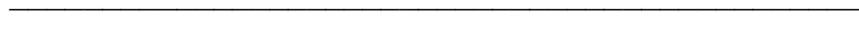
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**SEEKING A LIFE WITH A HEART FOR GOD—9**

***“The Discouragement of a Champion”***

1 Samuel 27—30:6a

Introduction. \_\_\_\_\_



**I. FIRST, NOTICE THE REASONS FOR DAVID’S DISCOURAGEMENT [1 Samuel 27:1].**

- A. Reason #1—He looked at his problems from a humanistic viewpoint. [27:1a].
- B. Reason #2—He looked at his problems with pessimistic reasoning. [27:1b].
- C. Reason #3—He looked at his problems with rationalistic logic. [27:1c]

**II. SECONDLY, CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF HIS DISCOURAGEMENT [1 Samuel 27:2—30:6a].**

- A. The people in David’s life were affected [27:2].
- B. The pattern of David’s life was affected [27:4-12].

What kind of pattern changed for David?

- 1. He served under a false sense of security [27:4].

2.

- 2. He submitted to the enemies’ cause [27:5].
- 3. He surrendered to a lengthy period of compromise [27:6-7].

C. The place in David’s life was affected [27:8-12].

- 1. David’s life became deceitful [27:8-9].
- 2. David’s life became doubtful [27:10].
- 3. David’s life became darkened [27:11-12].

D. The plan of David’s life was affected [28:1-25].

**INTERLUDE . . .**

E. The \_\_\_\_\_ in David’s life was affected [29:1—30:6a].

- 1. Losing peace meant becoming \_\_\_\_\_ [29:1-5].
- 2. Losing peace meant becoming \_\_\_\_\_ [29:6-11].
- 3. Losing peace meant becoming \_\_\_\_\_ [30:1-4].
- 4. Losing peace meant become \_\_\_\_\_ [30:6a].

**III. THIRDLY, NOTE THE \_\_\_\_\_ FROM HIS DISCOURAGEMENT [1 Samuel 30:6b-8].**

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- A. His recovery involved \_\_\_\_\_ before the Lord [30:6c].
- B. His recovery included \_\_\_\_\_ on the Lord [30:7].
- C. His recovery integrated \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord [30:8].

**CONCLUSION:** What lesson can we take from this account in the life of David? Primarily the one mentioned in 1 Corinthians 10:12, *“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fail.”*

Beyond that we can sum up three clear warning statements and one positive application:

1. **First, discouragement is a sure thing, when we attempt to face the problems of life in our own \_\_\_\_\_.**
2. **Second, compromise with the world only gives a temporary \_\_\_\_\_ to our problems.**
3. **Third, God’s punishment is usually to let us face the consequences of our own \_\_\_\_\_ and wrong decisions.**
4. **Forth, discouragement is not meant to throw us on our backs, but to bring us to our \_\_\_\_\_.**