

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 30:1-20  
**Singing:** 132 – 210 – 329:1-2, 4 – 253:6, 7, 9

**GOD'S RENEWING OUR WALK OF FAITH**

I. The trial of faith II. The strengthened exercise of faith

**I. GOD'S RENEWING OF OUR WALK WITH GOD THROUGH THE TRIALS OF FAITH**

A. God delights in communion with His people (Gen. 3:9; Is. 62:5; Jer. 2:5)

1. Why else would there be a Golgotha?

2. Therefore when He sees His children wandering off, He acts (Hos. 2:6-13)

B. David's history around Ziklag is prime example

1. Things were going from bad to worse: *how did it all start?*

a. unbelief is the mother of many bad children

b. unbelief also kills prayer

C. When God strikes His people, He only strikes to heal them (Heb. 12:5,6, 11)

**II. GOD'S RENEWING AND STRENGTHENING OF DAVID'S EXERCISE OF FAITH**

A. While submerged in troubles, David's faith in the LORD his God soared

1. if we are given faith, God expects us to use it

a. this is where David failed (27:1)

b. David's history stands as warning not to neglect our shield (Eph. 6:16)

2. God revived David's use of faith: *encouraged himself in the LORD his God*

B. We encourage ourselves when we *remember the LORD our God*

1. See David's example in Ps. 42:5-11

2. Other examples: Ps. 77:10-12; Lam 3:21-23

3. Observe Jesus' rebuking His babes in grace: Matt. 8:26; 14:31; 16:8

4. Follow Samson's mother's reasoning in encouraging her husband: Jud 13:23

5. Be like the poet in Ps. 130:3-4 even though he faced his great sins

C. Remembering the LORD our God does not only encourage us: *it guards us!*

1. If you are a believer, you are Satan's prime target (Matt. 10:24)

2. When assaulted, remember our Lord's suffering and death

**TWO REFLECTIONS:**

A. This record of David's defeat and victory expounds Ps. 94:12-14

B. Not only God's children experience setbacks and trials

1. God warned that our marriage to sin bring forth the children of suffering

2. Yet if not united to Jesus, you miss the comfort of 1 Cor. 10:13

*Therefore hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man:  
but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptations  
also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Cor. 10:13*

3. Doubt not that God is willing to walk with you even though you are unworthy and unwilling (Rev. 3:20;  
Ezek. 33:11; Prov. 1:23)