



News to Know

The Bridge Christmas Event

On December 4, the middle school ministry is going to the walk-through Nativity in Eclectic. We'll meet at the church at 6:15 and be back at 9:30. There is no cost to attend, but bring money for supper. [Sign up here.](#)

Bonfire

We'll have a bonfire on Sunday, November 23 from 6:00-7:30. Plan on joining us!

Refuge: Wednesday at 6:30 PM

This Wednesday, we'll look at 1 Samuel 30. See you in The Harbor at 6:30!

Sunday Morning Small Groups

We have a great leaders that teach each small group. At 9:45: Caleb and Tori Blackburn lead one co-ed, all ages small group. At 11:00: Angie Jones leads the 7th-8th grade girls, Brittany Myers and Freida Mixon lead the 9th-12th girls, Trent Wineberg leads the 7th-9th grade guys, and Jimbo Miller leads the 10th-12th grade guys.

Abounding Grace Girls' Bible Study

Sundays at 6:00 at the church. We'd love for you to get involved if you aren't currently!

Summer Camp

Don't forget, summer camp sign-ups are ongoing. [Sign up here](#) for middle school. [Sign up here](#) for high school.

Refuge this Week

In 1 Samuel 30, David's downward spiritual trend begins to turn, but only after he endures a devastating tragedy. This experience conveys a sobering truth to four distinct groups of people

1) **To the discouraged: Find strength in God (vv. 1-8a)**

After leaving the Philistine army, David and his men return to Ziklag only to discover that the Amalekites have raided the city and taken all the women and children captive. When the men see the devastation, they break down and weep. David mourns too, but then the Bible says something powerful: he "found strength in the Lord his God. In those moments when grief surrounds you, when you feel depressed, discouraged, and confused, you don't run from God; you run to Him.

2) **To the tired: Find rest in God (vv. 8b-10)**

After seeking God, David sets out to pursue the Amalekites and rescue the people. Along the way, 200 of his 600 men grow too exhausted to continue and stop at the creek to rest. There are many reasons we become spiritually tired, but in those moments, we must find our rest in Christ. He restores the weary. Don't mistake your pause for your purpose ending.

3) **To the lost: Realize God recovers (vv. 11-20)**

David meets an Egyptian who leads him to the Amalekites' camp. There, David strikes them down and recovers everything that was taken. The writer makes it clear: David got it all back. In the same way, Jesus recovers everything. He restores all. There's nothing you've lost that God isn't on a mission to redeem and restore.

4) **To the arrogant: Learn grace (vv. 21-30)**

When the Israelites return to the men they left behind at the creek, the ones who fought tell David that those who stayed shouldn't receive anything. But David reminds them it wasn't their plunder, and it wasn't even his. It was all God's. We are all recipients of God's grace. The victory belongs to Him, yet He chooses to share it with us.

Resource of the Week

This week's resource is titled, "Am I a Good Mom?" You can find it [here](#).



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