

Pursue, Overtake, Rescue: A Plan For Victory
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I Samuel 30:1-31

- **We can learn to win. Larry Weidel writes about this in his book, Serial Winner.**
- **The point is that many people don't know how to win or have victory in their lives.**
- **God shows us how to win and walk in victory.**

What does victory look like?

Victory in your will often these three elements.

I. The sorrow – V1-8

- a. The destruction. V1-5
 - i. Saul's failure (ch 15). He should have eliminated the Amalekites. It was not David's fault, but it ended up being his fight.
 - ii. Original sin and satan are not our fault but it is sometimes our fight.
 - iii. Sometimes it is our fault and our fight.
 - iv. We are not always fighting from a place of destruction. **We also fight for destiny!**
- b. The distress. V6
 - i. The fight was not external only, but internal.
 - ii. Grieve with hope (1 Thess 4:13) (gk: according to the manner or in the degree of). Deal with feelings, don't ignore them. DEAL with feelings or they will DOMINATE you.
- c. The decision. V6
 - i. David had no one to help. Yet, he did have ONE Who could help.
 - ii. We have to learn to get ourselves stirred up.
- d. The direction. V7-8
 - i. He sought God.
 - ii. Pursue, overtake, rescue is always the answer.
 - iii. What it looks like can vary: full on effort and activity or prayer, worship, fasting or just standing still and knowing He is God.
 - iv. The outcome is the same. The method varies.

II. The success – V9-20

- a. 200 exhausted. V9-10
 - i. They lost too, but they were too tired to fight.
 - ii. We will fight for those who cant fight for themselves.
- b. 1 Egyptian. V11-16
 - i. An inexperienced servant. David was the more experienced warrior but he needed the Egyptians counsel.
 - ii. Winning will often require you to get counsel.
- c. 400 energized. V17-20
 - i. David had experienced energized equipped warriors with him.
 - ii. Engage people who are experienced energized and equipped to help you.
- d. Full expectation. V18-20
 - i. They got it all back.
 - ii. Expect total victory!

III. The sharing – V21-31

- a. With soldiers. V21-22 - Everyone who had a part in the victory gets a part of the spoils.
- b. With leaders. V26-31 – your victory was likely helped by others in your past.

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- c. Abraham – bless you and you will be a blessing. (Gen. 12:2)
 - d. Faith is motivated by love – Gal. 5:6
 - e. Blessed, then bless – 2 Cor. 9:8
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- **Winning (victory) will often involve a battle (sorrow) that God will show us how win (the success) that He intends for us to share with others.**