

## How to Take the Right Decision Part 6

We will continue in this message to speak about how to take the right decision. We spoke in the previous message of how God had mercy on David, and how he saved him and relieved him from being standing with the Philistines in fighting against the army of Israel. Ultimately David and the men with him were sent back from the battle field. God had mercy on him, but God also disciplined him and made him pay the consequences of this shortcoming. Let us read *1 Samuel 30* and explain what further took place:

*“1 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; 2 And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.* (See what had happened to David due to his own decision; that he and the men with him; their wives and their families were taken captives by the Amalekites. While David was in the territory of Israel he was threatened and followed by Saul, but nothing wrong had happened to him nor to his men and their families because he was under God’s protection. But, when he stepped out from the place that was allocated for him without God’s approval and without God’s direction he was liable to be destroyed. God allowed such incident to happen to David, so that he will be convicted to be brought to repentance. God allowed that to happen but He did not destroy David and no one was killed, because the aim of God was just to bring David back to do the right thing. \* *When you do your own and take decisions and move in steps according to your will, God will cause you to be put in troubles as result of the wrong decisions and the wrong steps that you had taken in order for you to realize, to get convicted of your miscalculations and the wrong decisions that you had taken in order for you to repent. \* Also put in your mind that God needed to discipline you when you do your own because when you take a decision without the leading of God then your decision that you had taken is not only against God but against His church and will cause trouble to His church)* 3 *So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. 4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.* (To what happened they were all hurt because their families were all taken out captives, including the family of David. *When you will do your own, you will be hurt and you will be put in distress and big troubles and you will start to cry and weep as had happened to David and the men with him.*) 5 *And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. 6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.* (David was so distressed more than the others, because the people were thinking to stone him; for every man for his sons and daughters. But David took his strength in the Lord. *In time of distress you need to realize and to come back to God and ask Him to help you in your troubles; you need to repent from your sins and ask God forgiveness of what you did wrong, and be willing to correct what you did wrong.* The Scripture expressed that David found strength and encouraged in the Lord His God as he returned to God and the evidence of his coming back to God is what we can read in the next verse.) 7 *And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought*

*thither the ephod to David.* (David here humbled himself before God and before the priest of God, the priest Abiathar; even he was the king, he approached the priest by asking him to bring the ephod to inquire through him from God. *In the same way, you need to humble yourself before God and before His church. When you are in trouble and had made a mess, then come to God in repentance and ask counsels and advices from God as you come back to His church and ask advices and counsels from the church leaders).* 8 *And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.* (When David humbled himself before God and before the priest that God ordained and placed beside him, David received mercy and favor from God. He received God’s promises that he will recover all what the enemy took from him. *In the same way when you humble yourself before God and before the leader of the church that God put beside you to help you to take the right decision, then you will receive mercy and you will be able to recover what the enemy had taken away from you.* The Lord answered David’s request and assured him that he can pursue, take, and recover all what was taken. *When you humble down before God, repent and come back to the church and ask the church leaders to help you in certain decisions, you will receive mercy from the Lord; God will answer your prayers and will give you relief out of all your troubles.* David when he decided to leave Judah, he ignored to go to Abiathar the priest to ask him to inquire for him from God. If he had done such, then God would answer him to stay where he was and not to move out and no problem of such will happen.) 9 *So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed. 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.* (God gave strength for four hundreds men to move with David to recover the losses. *In the same way when you humble yourself before God and His church, He will give you strength and he will give certain men with you the strength to go with you and fight the good fight against your enemies and the enemies of God and enable you to have the victory.*) 11 *And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water; 12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights. 13 And David said unto him, To whom belondest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick. 14 We made an invasion upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon the coast which belongeth to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire. 15 And David said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.* (Here in finding this Egyptian’s servant the Lord made a way that David can take intelligence about the location of the enemy so he can go and find them to recover what they had taken from him. *When you repent God shall be with you to help you and He will make a way for you to be able to recover and restore back what the devil had taken away from you.*) 16 *And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. 17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled. 18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. 19 And there was*

*nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all.* (David and the men with him recovered everything back when they followed God, and they received big plunder. **In the same way God shall give you big plunder and shall enable you to recover everything as you come back to Him and to His church.**) **20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drave before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil.** (See here when you take a decision from the Lord and He is the one to lead you, how things can be corrected easily and with miraculous way. You will recover what you lost and He will add to you more blessings.) **21 And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them. 22 Then answered all the wicked men and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart. 23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand. 24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter? but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.** (David worked here for justice to be brought to all the people who were with him when he shared the plunder equally. **As God bless you with victories and gave you plunders, work justly to allow God's blessings to flow to others.**) **25 And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day. 26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD;** (David shared the spoil with Judah and with others in wherever places he went in the past.) **27 To them which were in Bethel, and to them which were in south Ramoth, and to them which were in Jattir, 28 And to them which were in Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to them which were in Eshtemoa, 29 And to them which were in Rachal, and to them which were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in the cities of the Kenites, 30 And to them which were in Hormah, and to them which were in Chorashan, and to them which were in Athach, 31 And to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.”** (1 Samuel 30:1-31 KJV) **When you obey God, you will be blessed, and you will be a source of blessings to others around you as God promised.**

\* How about you now? Do you have plan to repent and come back to God and to His church and open your life to be counseled and to be directed by God through His church. \* Check yourself now and in which point that we discussed you are? Do not wait to reach the point that you will be put in very painful situations, of fighting against God's church, and be disciplined in a way that the enemy will enter your territory and spoil you. \* Repent before such things to happen, so God can restore you, and you do not need to fall into further troubles and calamities. God in His mercy had sent this Word of Him to you to bring you back to him.

After that experience David learned a good lesson, and started to apply the right way in his life as we read here in the following Scriptures:

**“1 And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron. 2 So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite. 3 And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.”** (2 Samuel 2:1-3 KJV) David knew that he was in a wrong place and therefore he inquired of the Lord. God now asked him to go back to the land of Judah for God did not tell him to leave it. God also directed him specifically to which city he needed to go and stay. **Time for you now to humble down before God and His church and learn to lead your life in the fear of the Lord. Time for you to repent and turn from your own ways and go back to what God had ordained you to do and to the place were to be.**

When David learned to fear God, repented and went back to the place that God wanted him to be, he was rewarded and was anointed as king over the house of Judah, **“4 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabeshgilead were they that buried Saul.”** (2 Samuel 2:4 KJV) David when he inquired of God, the Lord directed him to go and settle in Hebron and there God sent the elders of Judah to anoint him as king. It is very clear that if David had just waited upon God and did not do his own and went to the territory of the Philistines, the Lord himself would remove Saul and put him in his stead as He ultimately did. **The same for you today if you had listened to God, then there will be no much hassles or troubles. But as you repented then restoration is on the way.**

**My dear and beloved:** Please don't do your own and make your work double. Do not say that I do not understand your situation and what you are passing through. The solution is still the same, you need to come back to God and to His church and repent and acknowledge the futility of your own ways, so we can together hear God's voice and direct you to do God's will, and recover your losses. Come to God and draw near to Him so He will draw near to you.

Let us pray.

**My prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word in this message that made me realized the source of the trouble that I am placed in.

*Renounce and repent of all your sins. Repent of the sin of pride, doing your own will, being independent and not willing to humble down and come and ask help and advices from the church. Lord I repent from doing my own will and plan, and in trusting myself and not relying on you. Lord forgive me the following sins \_\_\_\_\_, I repent of them all.*

*Lord I cry out to you, help me and take me out from the following troubles \_\_\_\_\_ . Lord have mercy on me and deliver me and take me out from the pit that I fell in.*

*Lord I commit myself to the principles that I learned from this message. Lord I commit myself to come to your church, and ask advice for every critical decision and move that I need to take. Lord I placed in your hand the following problem \_\_\_\_\_, Lord help me and give me the right decision to do.*

*Lord thank you for all my brothers and sisters who repented of their sins and humbled themselves and came back to you and to your church. Lord have mercy on them; restore to them all their losses, give them sense of direction, give them strength and send right people with them to help them in the troubles that they placed themselves in. Lord restore them back into the right path and aid them in their life so they can go back to the plan that you have for them. Lord protect them and provide their needs and help them in their lives, and support them to come out from the troubles that they placed themselves in.*

*Lord bless us as a church and help us to continue to teach and preach your Word so the people will be enlightened and be able to be restored back to you. Lord help us to stand firm against all the works and the oppositions of the devil and we rebuke them all in the name of Jesus. Lord lead us to advice your people with your will and to bring them back into the way that you ordained for them to pass through. Lord protect us and provide all our needs to continue to serve you. Lord fulfill the vision of the church 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and serve you, to evangelize, making new disciples, training new workers, and to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord bless us and enlarge our territory let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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