1. **War is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:6 (NKJV)** Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do,* but let us watch and be sober.

2. **They were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Samuel 30:4 (NKJV)** Then David and the people who *were* with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

**Psalm 118:5 (NKJV)** I called on the Lord in distress; The Lord answered me *and* *set me* in a broad place.

3. **David got \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ himself.**

**1 Samuel 30:6 (NKJV)** ...But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.

4. **David started \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Samuel 30:7-8 (NKJV)** 7Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech’s son, “Please bring the ephod here to me.” And Abiathar brought the ephod to David. 8So David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?”

**James 5:16 (NKJV)** ...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

5. **God is a promise \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**1 Samuel 30:8 (NJKV)** ...And He answered him, “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake *them* and without fail recover *all.*”

**1 Samuel 30:17-18 (NKJV)** 17Then David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. 18So David recovered all...

**1 Samuel 30:20 (NKJV)** Then David took all the flocks and herds they had driven before those *other* livestock, and said, “This *is* David’s spoil.”

**Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**The Message**

***Hold the Line***

**Pastor Chris Hall—October 31, 2021
Sunday Morning 9:00/11:00**

**1 Samuel 30:1-8 (NKJV)** Now it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag, on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire, 2and had taken captive the women and those who *were* there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried *them* away and went their way. 3So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive. 4Then David and the people who *were* with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep. 5And David’s two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive. 6Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God. 7Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech’s son, “Please bring the ephod here to me.” And Abiathar brought the ephod to David. 8So David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?” And He answered him, “Pursue, for you shall surely overtake *them* and without fail recover *all.*”

**1 Samuel 30:16-20 (NKJV)** 16And when he had brought him down, there they were, spread out over all the land, eating and drinking and dancing, because of all the great spoil which they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah. 17Then David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled. 18So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. 19And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all. 20Then David took all the flocks and herds they had driven before those *other* livestock, and said, “This *is* David’s spoil.”

 ***“Whenever God restores something, He restores it to a place greater than it was before.” — Bill Johnson***