

“Pursue It”

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1 Samuel 30:8; 18-19 (NKJV) | Acts 2:1-4 (NKJV)

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⁸ So 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 30:18-19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. ¹⁹ And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all.

Acts 2:1-4 (NKJV)

¹ When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Have you noticed how life has a way of snatching your joy, your peace, or even your dreams? David understood this feeling when the Amalekites plundered his camp. But here’s the shift—David didn’t just react; he sought God first. And because he pursued God, he recovered all.

Fast forward to the disciples in Acts 2—same principle. They were obedient, waiting together in pursuit of Him, and what happened? The Holy Spirit showed up in power. Here’s the question for us today—are you pursuing God or just the blessings? Because when you pursue Him first, everything else falls into place.

Now, three truths about pursuing God in everything:

Point 1: Pursue His Voice Before the Victory

- **Supporting Scripture:** 1 Samuel 30:8 – David didn’t chase his enemy without consulting God first. He asked, “Shall I pursue?”
- **Acts Application:** Acts 2:1 – The disciples weren’t scattered, doing their own thing. They were in unity, waiting on God’s instructions.
- **Key Thought:** God’s voice is the key to victory. You can’t recover what’s lost if you’re pursuing strategies that don’t align with His will. God’s direction is the difference between movement and progress.

Point 2: Pursue His Presence, Not Just the Perks

- **Supporting Scripture:** Acts 2:2-4 – The disciples received the Holy Spirit because they were where they were supposed to be. Presence unlocked power.
- **1 Samuel 30 Parallel:** Before David recovered anything, he *strengthened himself in the Lord* (v.6). The presence of God renewed his courage.
- **Key Thought:** Too often, we treat God like a vending machine—put something in, get something out. But God’s presence is not a means to an end; it *is* the end. When you pursue His presence, you find everything you need—strength, peace, direction, and joy.

Point 3: Pursue the Recovery, but Trust His Power

- **Supporting Scripture:** *1 Samuel 30:18-19* – David pursued, overtook, and recovered all—just as God told him.
- **Acts Application:** *Acts 2:4* – When the power of the Holy Spirit arrived, the disciples received boldness and purpose that changed the world.
- **Key Thought:** Recovery only happens when you lean into God's power. It's not on you to fix everything—your role is pursuit; God's role is power. When you rely on His strength, you recover not just what you lost but more than you imagined.

Conclusion

The recovery you're looking for starts with a decision—will you pursue Him? Will you stop chasing the result and start chasing the Source? David asked God before he made a single move. The disciples waited for God before they started their mission. What about you?

Today, I dare you to shift your focus. Pursue His voice, pursue His presence, and pursue His power. When you do, you'll find that what you're chasing is nothing compared to what He has in store. Don't chase the blessing—chase the Blessor. Don't pursue stuff—pursue the Savior. Don't settle for the empty promises of the world. Pursue God. **Recovery is in your pursuit.**