

**Mission Impossible**  
**1 Samuel 30**  
**January 24, 2021**

Summary of the Close Call in the Philistine Camp

**I. Their Worst Nightmare (V. 1-6)**

A. Strength in God is independent of man's \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Strength in God is independent of \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. The Pursuit (V. 7-15)**

A. Strength in God is independent of man's \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. The Ambush (V. 16-31)**

A. Strength in God is confidence that He is always \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Romans 8:28).

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read 1 Samuel 30
2. What about David's impossible mission stands out to you?
3. Talk about a disaster that you have been through. How did you feel at the onset of that disaster? How did that feeling impact your relationship with God?
4. Have you ever felt strength from God in spite of tremendous disfavor from people? How did God give you that strength?
5. Have you ever felt strength from God in spite of bad circumstances? How did God give you that strength?
6. Have you ever felt strength from God in spite of extreme personal weakness? How did God give you that strength?
7. Discuss ways you noticed God was at work despite the horrible situation David faced in 1 Samuel 30.
8. Share about a time you discovered God at work at an unlikely time in your life.
9. Pray for each other, that you would all draw strength from God by being confident that He is always at work in your lives. Consider attending this Sunday's Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7 pm!

## **Church Bible Reading Plan**

Bible Reading Plan: Isaiah 11-13

January Memory Verses: Isaiah 8:11-13

**1 Timothy 2:1-6**

*1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.*

**BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

If you have not done so already, register from the [www.apollobaptist.org](http://www.apollobaptist.org) home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. YOU DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER AGAIN until after Easter Sunday.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at time of the Prayer Meeting.

**DURING Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:**

PRAYING for our small groups, their multiplication, their leadership, and their discipleship.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- Those struggling with fear, anxiety and employment issues because of COVID
  - Raymond C. (missionary who had to return home due to COVID, struggling with housing and food)
- Church members and/or their friends/families who have COVID
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
  - Rebecca R. (brother), Ray and Sue J. (daughter-in-law, Lynette), Dan and Shirley S. (Dan's father), Nancy C. (father, Pete), April H. (husband, Gary), Ken R. (sister, Joan), Darlene R. (aunt Peggy and great-nephew Derek), Randie A. and Bonnie V. (mother), Tim, Alexa, and Erika P. (grandfather), Dick T. (aunt, Rosia), Family of Victoria A., Paul B. (daughter Paula)
  - Grief Share participants
- Those struggling with cancer issues:
  - Mary C. (breast cancer), Brenda R. (blood cancer and possible donors of bone marrow), Leroy D. (his brother), Chris and Beth L. (3 yr. old daughter with inoperable brain tumor), Jerry M. (friend of Dan S. has pancreatic cancer), 2 family members of Bob & Julia B.
- Those struggling with health issues:
  - Rezwana D. (migraines), Michelle L. (overwhelming stress), Mary R. (possibly starting dialysis, also has appt re: kidney transplant), Ruthie C. (hospitalized for heart and stomach issues), Jimmy (grandson of Raul and Cindy O. has autism and migraines), Larry D. (brain bleed not completely healed), Don R. (sciatica pain), Wayne and Twyla D. (Wayne's Parkinson's, and he is now living in an assisted living facility and Twyla cannot be with him), Floyd W. (Pat's dementia), Gretchen E. (father regaining strength & Gretchen having severe head pain), Anna (April H., friend who has muscular dystrophy), Jose M. (sister miscarried), Cecelia S. (family members have Covid), Agnes (Bob B.'s mom, broken bone in neck)
- Those awaiting surgery:
  - Brenda R. (bone marrow transplant)
- Those recovering from surgery:
  - Jonathan B. (hand surgery), Laura M. (vertebrae surgery and right arm movement), Dale O. (knee replacement), Susan K.'s son-in-law (recipient of liver transplant), Pastor Jamal B. (liver transplant), April H. (cousin Randie, heart surgery), Warren Y. (hernia surgery), Floyd W. (recovering from 9 day hospital stay)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
  - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
  - Larry S., Billy H.
- Others that you are aware of