

# Devil, Take Your DISCOURAGEMENT Back to Hell Where You Came From

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**Jude 1:20-21** – But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

**Psalm 68:6** – God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

**LONELINESS breeds Discouragement and DISCOURAGEMENT plagues our nation today.**

We are being commanded by the Lord's brother to **ENCOURAGE OURSELVES**.

## 1 DISCOURAGEMENT IS NOT FROM GOD, IT'S FROM THE DEVIL

**1 Samuel 30:1-6** – David and his men reached Ziklag on the third day. Now the Amalekites had raided the Negev and Ziklag. They had attacked Ziklag and burned it, <sup>2</sup> and had taken captive the women and everyone else in it, both young and old. They killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way.

<sup>3</sup> When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. <sup>4</sup> So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep. <sup>5</sup> David's two wives had been captured—Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel. <sup>6</sup> David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God.

David's fighting men, who loved him, were now so hopeless, so shocked, and so DISCOURAGED that they **THREATENED** to kill DAVID!!

David was greatly **DISTRESSED!** – BUT in his weakest moment he found **STRENGTH** in the Lord.

**1 Samuel 30:6b** – But David found strength in the Lord his God!

David knew the loss, the pain, the loneliness, the **DISCOURAGEMENT**, had not come from the Lord! It came from the devil!

**Psalm 43:5** – Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

We've got to change our **THINKING!** Stop **BLAMING** God for bad things that happen to us! Start **REBUKING** the devil more.

**Declare ...** "I shall not be defeated by this discouragement because I'm going to begin to **ENCOURAGE** myself in the Lord! I'm going to **BUILD** myself up in my most Holy Faith. My faith is in Jesus who is my Savior, who is my **HEALER**, who is my **BAPTIZER**, who is my **Soon Coming King!**"

## 2 DISCOURAGEMENT is an indication that we are walking by SIGHT and not by FAITH

**2 Corinthians 5:7** – For we live by FAITH and not by SIGHT!

You must always ask yourself what is the "IT" I'm **CONCERNED** about this time?

**Hebrews 12:1-3** – Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> **FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS**, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning - **ITS** - shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Don't have your eyes on **IT**. Have your eyes on **JESUS!**

Another way we **ENCOURAGE** ourselves in the Lord is by giving our **ATTENTION** to encouragement and not discouragement

David was the great **ENCOURAGER** of Israel.

**Psalm 27:13** – I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**FOCUS** on the good things my God is doing in the land of the living!

**Psalm 68:6** – God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the Prisoners with Singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

In order to **ENCOURAGE** yourself in the Lord and walk out of that lonely place - **MEDITATE** on the Lord.

One of the Hebrew words for **MEDITATE** is **MURMUR**, as in **SELF-TALK**

**Psalm 59:16** – But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

**Psalm 77:11-12** – I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.<sup>12</sup> I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.

When you start **MURMURING** to yourself **GOOD** words and **GOOD** memories, you're out of loneliness and discouragement.