

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon
STRENGTHENED BY GRACE
1 Samuel 30

A.P.T.A.T.

We must ADMIT that apart from Jesus we can do nothing.

We must PRAY for God's help in our time of need.

We must know and TRUST the promises of God.

We must ACT in obedience to God's word, while expecting God to provide what he promises.

We must THANK God for whatever good comes our way, which glorifies him.

Digging Deeper into the Message

Find the promises of God in each passage.

Isaiah 41:10

Isaiah 64:4

2 Corinthians 9:8

Psalms 50:14-15

John 6:39-40

Matthew 7:7

Ephesians 3:20-21

1 Corinthians 2:9

Psalms 37:4

How can you hold onto these promises this week?

Community Group

ICEBREAKER: Everyone go around the room and answer: What is one of your spiritual gifts, OR what is a talent or skill God has given you?

QUESTIONS: Someone briefly summarize what is going on in the sermon text (1 Samuel 30).

1. Read points 1 and 2 on the MAP. When was the last time you were at the end of your strength? Did you cry out to God and what happened? Why do you think we tend to turn to other things before we pray for help? When you cry out to God, do you expect Him to help you?

2. Read the 3rd point on the MAP. Which promises of God are you holding onto right now? OR which ones do you need to remind yourself of today? (Consult the Digging Deeper for 9 promises of God for Jesus-followers!)

3. Read the 4th point on the MAP. If we are saved by grace, why is it so important for us to obey God's word?

4. Read 1 Peter 4:10. Recall the gifts/talents you shared about in the icebreaker. What are some ways you can use your specific gifting to serve and love other people, especially other Christians? Is there a place at Harvest where you need to obey God by using your gift to bless others? Where do you need to get involved at Harvest?

APPLICATION: Read the last point on the MAP. Over the next 7 days, spend time on at least 3 of the days writing down things you can thank God for that day. Bring your list to group next week. 😊