

Text: Psalms 16:1-11
Title: Look At God
Thought: Keep Your Eyes of Jesus
Teaching Intent: Encourage believers to keep seeking God's guidance.
Topic Introduction:

In the previous message I shared with you how important it is to keep your eyes on the road when driving, in the same ways it's important for Christians to keep their eyes on God. we can't allow anything to distract us and cause us to lose sight of God in our everyday situation and our circumstances.

When we say look at God were saying keep God at the forefront of everything you do, even when you're going through, keep looking to God in good and bad times. Continue to seek him as the source of council and comfort pay attention to what God is saying, be on the look out for what God is doing in this season.

In the text David tells us that he always sets the lord before him, he keeps his eyes focused on the lord, he keeps the lord in mind and in view. David said the key to my confidence and my success is that I always look to God, for my direction, for my protection, and for my blessings.

Review of Part I

- David kept God in mind in everything that he did.
- David said, whatever I do is with God in view.
- David said I keep my eyes on the Prize...God.
- Focus on having faith and being faithful.

Part I Text Outline

I. DAVIDS PROTECTION...vs 1
When David needed protection, he looked at God and said… Lord, I need you to protect me.
II. DAVIDS CONFESSION...vs 2-3
When David made a confession, he looked at God and said… Lord, I commit my life to you.
III. DAVIDS DEDICATION...vs 4
When David made a dedication, he looked at God and said… Lord, you're the only one I will follow.
IV. DAVIDS BLESSING...vs 5-6
When David counted his blessing, he looked at God and said… Lord every good gift comes from you.
V. DAVIDS ANCHORING
When David wonders how he made it, he looked at God and said... the lord has been my keeper.
VI. DAVIDS ASSURANCE
When David thought about his future, he looked at God and said… Lord I know you are with me

VII. DAVIDS DISTRESS

1 Sam 30:1-20

A. David Realizes He's Been Robbed

1 Samuel 30:1–2... the Amalekites had invaded...Ziklag, ... and burned it with fire; 2 And had taken the women captives...

B. David Become Weak with Grief

1 Samuel 30:4 "Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep."

C. David Is Distressed by Loss and Betrayal

1 Samuel 30:5–6 " And David was greatly distressed; for the people space of stoning him,

D. David Had to Break Free from Grief

- Distressed, wrapped up, tied up, locked up.
- You need faith strong enough to break grief.
- Jesus is the only one that can set us free.

Luke 4:18 KJV 18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

VIII. DAVIDS ENCOURAGEMENT

A. David Held on to Hope with a Heavy Heart.

1 Samuel 30:6 but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God."

- His focus changed from grief to God,
- His focus changed from his hurt to his help.
- His Focus changed from suffering to his source.

B. David Had to Dig Deep to Encourage Himself

- Sometimes your faith is all you have to rely on
- Sometimes you may be the only one to believe.
- As long as you have faith, you have enough.

C. After Weeping David Started Thinking

- He was focused on what had been done.
- Now he is focused on what can be done.
- After he was done crying, he started trying.

D. David Saw Light in the Darkness

- He went from blindsided to the bright side.
- The city was burning but there were no bodies.
- The people were carried off but not killed.

IX. DAVIDS ENGAGEMENT

A. Davids Encouragement Led to Engagement

1 Samuel 30:7–8 "And David said to Abiathar the priest... bring me hither the ephod... 8 And David inquired at the Lord...

- David turned from remorse to remembering,
- The power of prayer and God's care
- God is a present help, nothing is impossible.

B. David Had to Seek the Lord for Help

Hebrews 4:16 "16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

- The lord didn't come to David.
- Help is not always automatic but it's always available.
- Some help is sent, some help must be sought.

C. David Got Personal with God

- He didn't ask the priest he prayed himself.
- Some prayer can only be heard from your heart.
- Salvation happen when you pray for yourself

X. DAVIDS RECOVERY

A. David Prayed for Recovery

1 Samuel 30:8–10 "8 And David inquired at the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? ....

- He didn't pray for help to get over this.
- He prayed for help to recover this.
- He said lord can I go after what been lost.
- What's been taken must be pursued.

B. David Received According to His Faith

1 Samuel 30:8–10 8... And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

- David said "Lord I want to pursue.
- The lord said that what I want for you too.
- David got the go ahead, to move ahead.

C. David got Confirmation for the Overtaking

- You are anointed to take back what's been taken.
- God told David you will overtake them...catch up.
- God won't let those who robbed you get away.
- If you still have faith, everything else can be recovered.

D. David Recovery Became Contagious

1 Samuel 30:8–10 "... 9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him...

- David recovered his hope, so did the others.
- It only takes a small fire to set a forest ablaze.
- It only take one to get a revival started.
- Instead of stoning they saddled up.

XI. DAVIDS FAVOR

A. God Positioned People to Help

1 Samuel 30:8–11 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men...11 And they found an Egyptian in the field...

- God turned Davids's doubter to believers.
- He turned suffers into seekers.
- He turned the distressed into deliveries.
- He turned the enemy into his guide.

XII. DAVIDS PROMOTION

A. David Recovered Everything and More

1 Samuel 30:18–20 "18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away.... there was nothing lacking … 20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drave before those other cattle, and said, This is David's spoil."