

How Tenacious Faith Wins

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**1 Samuel 29:1-7, 30:1-8, Psalms 139:7-11,
Ephesians 6:18, Psalm 68:3, 1 Peter 1:23,
Psalm 119:160, 162**

1 Samuel 29:1

Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which is in Jezreel.

1 Samuel 29:2

And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the rereward with Achish.

1 Samuel 29:3

**Then said the princes of the Philistines,
What do these Hebrews here? And
Achish said unto the princes of the
Philistines, Is not this David, the servant
of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been
with me these days, or these years, and I
have found no fault in him since he fell unto
me unto this day?**

1 Samuel 29:4

And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? should it not be with the heads of these men?

1 Samuel 29:5

Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

1 Samuel 29:6

**Then Achish called David, and said unto him,
Surely, as the LORD liveth, thou hast been
upright, and thy going out and thy coming in
with me in the host is good in my sight: for I
have not found evil in thee since the day of
thy coming unto me unto this day:
nevertheless the lords favour thee not.**

1 Samuel 29:7

And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.

1 Samuel 30:1

And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;

1 Samuel 30:2

And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

1 Samuel 30:3

So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.

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.**

1 Samuel 30:5

And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

1 Samuel 30:6

And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

1 Samuel 30:7

And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

1 Samuel 30:8

And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.

**God always has an
answer of victory for
you.**

**(even if it was your
fault that caused all
the trouble.)**

**You are never
too far gone.**

Psalms 139:7

**Whither shall I go from thy
spirit? or whither shall I flee
from thy presence?**

Psalms 139:8

**If I ascend up into heaven,
thou art there: if I make my
bed in hell, behold, thou art
there.**

Psalms 139:9

**If I take the wings of the
morning, and dwell in the
uttermost parts of the sea;**

Psalms 139:10

**Even there shall thy hand
lead me, and thy right hand
shall hold me.**

Psalms 139:11

**If I say, Surely the darkness
shall cover me; even the
night shall be light about
me.**

**The victory is
not just a pipe
dream.**

**1. Tenacious
faith does not
get conditioned
by bad
conditions.**

**Start looking
for the word
God has for
you.**

**Your faith
cannot work if
you have let
your hope die.**

**2. Tenacious
faith wins by
encouragement
in the midst of
total failure.**

**Get over your big
mistake! Forgive
yourself. Move
forward.**

**(that's just pride
anyway.)**

**Make a move in
the realm of
the natural.**

**Make a change.
You may need
to change your
physical
surroundings.**

**3. Tenacious
faith is always
ready to fight.**

**Build yourself a
new prayer
closet if you
need to do that.**

Ephesians 6:18

**Praying always with all prayer
and supplication in the Spirit,
and watching thereunto with
all perseverance and
supplication for all saints;**

Psalms 68:3

**But let the righteous be
glad; let them rejoice before
God: yea, let them
exceedingly rejoice.**

1 Peter 1:23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Psalms 119:160

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Psalms 119:162

**I rejoice at thy word, as one
that findeth great spoil.**