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## **“The Key of David” (4)**

*“The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!” (Psalm 22:26)*

### **David’s Crisis Confidence**

#### **External Attack**

**1 Samuel 30:1-6** – (1) “Now when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had made a raid against the Negeb and against Ziklag. They had overcome Ziklag and burned it with fire (2) and taken captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great. They killed no one, but carried them off and went their way. (3) And when David and his men came to the city, they found it burned with fire, and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. (4) Then David and the people who were with him raised their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep. (5) David’s two wives also had been taken captive, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. (6) And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. **But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.**”

#### **Internal Assault**

**2 Samuel 15:23-26** – (23) “And all the land wept aloud as all the people passed by, and the king crossed the brook Kidron, and all the people passed on toward the wilderness. (24) And Abiathar came up, and behold, Zadok came also with all the Levites, bearing the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God until the people had all passed out of the city. (25) Then the king said to Zadok, ‘Carry the ark of God back into the city. **If I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me back and let me see both it and his dwelling place.** (26) **But if he says, ‘I have no pleasure in you,’ behold, here I am, let him do to me what seems good to him.**”

### **Paul’s Perspective on Crisis**

**Corinthians 1:8-10** – (8) “For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our

strength that we despaired of life itself. (9) Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. (10) He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.”

**Key Point: Crisis in Context of Christ creates Confidence**

### **Crisis Contextualized:**

#### **(1) God will bring Justice**

“May the LORD therefore be judge and give sentence between me and you, and see to it and plead my cause and deliver me from your hand.” (1 Samuel 24:15)

#### **(2) Reversal of Fortune is Imminent**

“O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.” (Psalm 30:3-5)

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.” (Psalm 34:19)

#### **(3) The Crisis-Free Realm is Ahead**

“For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” (Psalm 16:10-11)

### **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

What should we do when we suffer? (1 Peter. 4:12-13; James 5:13)

What is the lifespan of our suffering? (Ps. 30:5; 2 Cor. 4:16-18)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)