

ANALYSIS:

1. When David and his men returned to Ziklag, what surprise awaited them? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What threat did David face from his own men?  
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3. Who led David and his men to find the Amalekites with their captive families? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How much of what the Amalekites had taken from Ziklag did David recover? \_\_\_\_\_
5. When David sent some of the spoils to the elders of Judah, what did he tell them? \_\_\_\_\_

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

"David encouraged himself in the LORD his God" (v 6b). After the first shock wave of grief and fear passed (vs 4-6a), how did David encourage himself? "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee" (Ps 56:3). "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD" (Ps 27:14). "I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies" (Ps 18:3). "When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is with me" (Ps 56:9). "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise" (Ps 57:7). "I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings" (Ps 77:11-12).

Prepare now to be ready to encourage yourself in the LORD the next time you face difficulty, danger or trial. Also think about how you might encourage another brother or sister when you know they are facing some challenge or burden.

HELP:

1. The city of Ziklag had been burned, and all their families were missing, having been taken captive by the Amalekites (vs 1-2).
2. They spake of stoning him (v 6a).
3. An Egyptian they found in the field (v 11).
4. David recovered all, plus spoils from the Amalekites (v 18).
5. "Behold a present for your of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD" (v 26).