 **CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

 **Weekly Bible Study**

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 **YOUR DREAMS AND YOUR FUTURE EXPLOITS PART 2 (STUDY 4)**

**TEXT:** 1Samuel 30:6-19

**MEMORY VERSE:** JOEL 2:25, ZACHARIAH 9:2

 Sometimes life and situations may not go as planned! Hope, courage and resilience are the factors that bring your expectations to pass in the midst of life challenges.

 The experience of David in the scripture above is very illuminative. David as a warlord had a failed contract from the king of Philistines. 1Samuel 29:9-11. On getting home, it was a different story than expected!

 Looking at the surrounding events, David and his followers were discouraged due to the Amalekite’s invasion. Yet, there was a truth in the saying that great opportunities are always embedded in every disappointing event of life. The turning point was David’s recognition of God’s ability to turn fatality to favour, and the consciousness of his own human capability, to replan and pursue to get the best out of the situation at hand.

 **PURSUIT: THE KEY TO REALIZING YOUR DREAM 1SAMUEL 30:6-19.**

 Winners will shun bewailing of misfortune and concentration on loses, but focus on their noble objectives to pursue the realization of their dreamed future. Application of the following truth will assist the possibility of your dream this year.

1. **Put the past behind you. This depends on your mindset because your past can be an asset or liability to you**.

i. *As asset when you zero-in positively to learn from your past mistakes, and build on your past success to advance your tomorrow possibilities*. Complacence based on past success is inimical to future’s exploits! New and pursuit of higher dream is very important to a successful tomorrow.

ii. *Your refusal to put the past negative experience behind you is very crippling.* Holding to past failures, disappointments and mistakes will leave you depleted and limited in every sense. Avoid it!

1. **Draw and lean on divine resources. 1 Samuel 30:6-8.** David faced discouragement due to the unpalatable circumstances surrounding him! But he connected himself with divine resource by praying and heeding directives from God. Yielding to frustration and depression is counterproductive! With God, all things are possible.
2. **Be courageous!** This is one of the winning power in life. Allow nothing or anyone to force you into inhibition when you are sure of the way forward. The scripture says in 1 Samuel 30:6 (KJV**),** *“….but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God”.*

Like David, encourage yourself to move forward, do something good, pursue that noble goal, even when no one is there to encourage you.

1. **Be positive and sensitive to fortune enhancers that line up along your path to breakthrough!**

 In 1Samuel 30:11-16, no one could have seen possibilities of helpful information in a wandering, weak and drop-out Egyptian! But David was kindhearted to the unseemly fellow. He became a connection and solution to David dreams!

 Always make it a duty to treat people well, help those you can, and refuse to neglect or underrate little opportunities. Be positive and considerate at all time.

1. **Pursue with enlargement of heart that accommodates others interest. Always see the big picture as against the meagre selfish end**.

 Get saved to save others, get rich to enrich others, study the scripture to enlighten others, gather much so as to distribute to the necessity of those arround you, etc. This principle was what David demonstrated in 1Samuel 30:20-31.

1. **David at the end recovered all (i.e hit his set target) despite the unimpressive beginning**!

 You never can tell what your little, decisive, positive and goal oriented initiative can bring in:

* 1. *Bringing sinners to the saving knowledge of Christ like Naman’s maid. You can plan to win a soul per week or per month, trusting God for grace.*

*ii. Contributing to your family, local assembly growth, welfare, unity and development.*

1. **The pursuit and realization of your dream will bring praise to God, edifying blessings to the Church and lots of benefits to your community. 1Samuel 30:26-31.**

 Never give up due to obstacles coming your way because victory belongs to the persistent fellows. Amen.

**HYMN: I DON’T KNOW ABOUT TOMORROW (CHS198)**

1. I don't know about tomorrow,

I just live from day to day.

I don't borrow from it's sunshine,

For it's skies may turn to gray.

I don't worry o'er the future,

For I know what Jesus said,

And today I'll walk beside Him,

For He knows what is ahead.

*Many things about tomorrow,*

*I don't seem to understand;*

*But I know Who holds tomorrow,*

*And I know Who holds my hand.*

1. Ev'ry step is getting brighter,

As the golden stairs I climb;

Ev'ry burden's getting lighter;

Ev'ry cloud is silver lined.

There the sun is always shining,

There no tear will dim the eyes,

At the ending of the rainbow,

Where the mountains touch the sky.

3. I don't know about tomorrow,

 It may bring me poverty;

 But the One Who feeds the sparrow,

 Is the One Who stands by me

 And the path that be my portion,

 May be through the flame or flood,

 But His presence goes before me,

 And I'm covered with His blood.