



CHURCH @ HOME SEPT, 2017
"PURSUE, OVERTAKE & RECOVER ALL (II):
MOMENTS OF DISTRESS AND SEASONS OF REGRET".

1 Sam 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."

READ: 1st Sam 30 :1-8, James 1:1- 8.

A. WHAT DO YOU DO IN MOMENTS OF DISTRESS?

- Moments of distress will either create seasons of regret or seasons of distinctions and promotion depending on your mindset.
- Developing the mind of Christ gives us access to the things that God has ordained for our lives.
- When our minds are not Christ centered we lose everything God has for us. Without the mind of Christ, we are no different from the unbeliever.
- An unbeliever in distress cannot connect with God and so cannot receive anything from God. This is also true of the believer who does not have the mind of Christ.

B. WHAT YOU DO DURING YOUR SEASONS OF DISTRESS AND REGRET DETERMINES WHETHER YOU WILL HAVE SEASONS OF PROMOTIONS, DISTINCTIONS AND GLORY.

- When you are distressed, encourage yourself in the Lord. David encouraged himself in the Lord. He counted it all joy. (1st Sam 30: 6, James 1: 1-8 AMP)
- No matter what you go through, no matter how threatening your situation may be, be encouraged that it cannot and will not take you out. (Rom. 8: 35-39)
- In the moment of distress, you need the wisdom of God to superimpose the mind of Christ on your mind. (James 1: 5)

C. DIFFERENT DESCRIPTIONS OF A MIND NOT OPERATING WITH THE MIND OF CHRIST.

- Blinded mind..... 2 Cor. 4:4 and 2 Cor 3:14
- Reprobate mind ... Rom. 1:28
- Canal mind ... Rom 8:6
- Unbelieving high mind... Rom 11:
- Deceived corrupted seduced mind 2 Cor 11:3
- Futility/vain or emptiness of the mind Eph. 4:17
- Earthly minds Phil. 3:19
- Alienated mind Col 1:21
- Feeble mind ... 1 Thess. 5:14
- Shaking troubled mind 1 Thess. 2: 2
- Weary mind Heb. 12:3
- Defiled mind ... Titus 1:15

- Double mind ... James 1:8, James 4:8

Any believer operating with any of these minds will not receive anything from the Lord

Suggestions for Open Discussion

1. *Discuss the different minds described in the lesson.*
2. *What does having the mind of Christ mean?*
3. *How can one develop and maintain the mind of Christ?*