

# “Turning Shadows Back Into Dreams”

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## I. ***1 Samuel 30:1-6***

- A. The Story of David (How His Dream became just a shadow)
  - 1. Samuel Anointed Him to be King
  - 2. David killed Goliath and became favored as King Saul’s right-hand man (armor-bearer) and had a covenant friendship with Saul’s son, Johnathan.
  - 3. Saul’s jealousy raged to kill David forcing him to run for his life.
- B. ***Ziklag***
  - 1. The valley of decision / the place of no more retreat
  - 2. Ziklag represents the lowest point of any dream; it’s the place that the Shadow reveals itself in the darkness and says, “Your God has lied to you; your dream is dead!”
  - 3. It is in this moment that you have a choice....believe the shadow (The reminder that darkness still exists) or believe the dream!
  - 4. Shadows cannot exist in the presence of God – why? There is no darkness in God! (Our understanding of light is limited because everywhere we go, there is a shadow).
- C. Encouraged Himself
  - 1. There comes a time...the moment of truth...for everyone; this is what I call the “AHA” moment....it’s when you realize the ability is within yourself; friends can help; prayer certainly is good...but it is only in that quiet place with God that you hear the gentle voice of God! “David enquired of the Lord...”
  - 2. Pursue and you will overtake them and without fail, recover all!

## II. ***Genesis 39:11-20***

- A. The Story of Joseph (How His Dream became just a shadow)
  - 1. God had given him an amazing dream.
  - 2. He was well favored by his father since he was one of the youngest of the 12
  - 3. Jealousy became the rage of his older brothers and they sold Joseph into slavery.
- B. Prison
  - 1. The place where dreams never see the light of day
  - 2. Moment of truth or moment of total darkness and failure?
- C. God’s mighty hand
  - 1. ***Genesis 39:21*** “*But the Lord was with Joseph...*”
  - 2. Find your strength today...find your calling...walk into the light and fulfill your dream!