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SOME GO TO THE BATTLE & SOME STAY WITH THE BAGGAGE:)

## \* Some Go, Some Stay \*

*1 Samuel 30:9-10 So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those left behind remained. 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men, for two hundred who were too exhausted to cross the brook Besor, remained behind.*

(1 Sam 27)

Ok, so a little context. David was taking a break from King Saul's pursuit of him and was living in the land of the Philistines under the authority of Achish, King of Gath. The King had given David the city of Ziklag as his own to dwell in. One day, David and 600 of his men went up to join the battle with King Achish and the Philistines. The Philistines didn't like the idea of Saul's servant David fighting with them against Saul, so they convinced King Achish to send David back to his home in Ziklag to sit this battle out. King Achish reluctantly agreed and David went back to Ziklag only to find that his city had been raided. They took EVERYTHING! Women, Children, livestock, everything! You would think this is a "no brainer" for David to go after the raiders without hesitation, but David does something that is very telling of his character and

lifestyle....he SEEKS THE LORD as to whether he should pursue this band and overtake them. 1 Sam. 30:8 (real men seek God!) Will he have success? IS this Your will Lord? God gives David the go ahead and the assurance of victory, and David heads out with his 600 men. When they came to the brook Besor, however, 200 of the men were exhausted and could not continue. (remember, they had been out for a while before this happened, without a break). So David leaves them there at the brook Besor to watch the baggage while he and the 400 men go and recover all that was stolen. They run into a guy who was part of the band of raiders and he leads them right to the place where the raiders are having a party with the people and possessions that they had stolen from David. So, David and his 400 men take care of business there, recovering everything and MORE!

Have you ever worked harder than someone else, sacrificed more and just figured you would get more than the others when it was over? I know I have....that's what the 400 soldiers thought when they came back with all the people and possessions in tact along with some extra spoil from the raiders, they figured, yeah, we walked further, we suffered more, we've done so much more than these (whimpy) guys who were "too exhausted" to come with us. But look what God's Word calls these guys who thought this way, 1 Sam. 30:22 *then all the wicked and worthless men among those who went with David answered and said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away and depart."* 1 Sam. 30:23 Then David said, *"you must not do so, my brothers, with what the LORD HAS GIVEN US, Who has kept us and delivered into our hand the band that came against us. 24 And who will listen to you in this matter? For as his share is who goes down to the battle, so shall his share be who stays by the baggage; they shall share alike."*

*We could equate 'Missionaries' and those who 'stay behind' in the states as these two groups. The missionaries are tough, rugged, most importantly, they are CALLED to go to the battle field. In their calling they have been equipped by God to accomplish the work God has sent them to do. Those who stay behind are supposed to be watching the "baggage," praying, if you will, for the soldiers who have gone on the "mission." No one is better than anyone else in this work.*

*God has gifted and called each one of us to do what HE commands. Consider 1 Cor. 3:8 "Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor." it's not WHAT we do for the Lord, it's HOW we do it both in our motivation and in our efforts. But whether you are a baggage watcher ie Prayer Warrior or a Soldier in the field, know that God is watching, do your best where He has you and remember,*

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