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BENEATH THE SURFACE

WEEK 3 | LIVING OFF THE WALL

PRAYER

Christ is before us, Christ is behind us, Christ is ever with us, never to leave us. In this, we find ultimate comfort, that the God of all power is watching over us. We worship you, in Jesus' name, Amen.

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

How do you like to relax and unwind?

NOTES

WORD

¹ Now when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had made a raid against the Negeb and against Ziklag. They had overcome Ziklag and burned it with fire ² and taken captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great. They killed no one, but carried them off and went their way. ³ And when David and his men came to the city, they found it burned with fire, and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. ⁴Then David and the people who were with him raised their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep.

⁶ And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.

[1 Samuel 30:1-4, 6](#) (ESV)

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = completely unaware, 10 = absolutely close), how would you rate your ability to engage with God each day?
2. Do you trust God? How does this show in your life?
3. Can you recall a time when it seemed like people turned on you?
Can you share a little about the experience and your response?
4. What does it mean when David strengthened himself in the Lord?
Do you know how to do that?
5. Can you recall a time when there was celebration followed by a sudden loss or sadness?

PRAYER LIST