



Eagle Vision Partner Letter

Making a Comeback!

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Dear Partner,

I pray this letter finds you excelling to new heights in your walk with God.

As I began to seek the Lord for a subject this month the Lord placed in my heart to write about "Making a comeback". Some people have hit major roadblocks or have made mistakes and some have thrown in the towel, but I'm here as God's messenger to encourage you to make a comeback. In **I Samuel 30:1-3**, David was faced with a big dilemma. He lost his house, family and lots more, but David had to make a decision not to give up, but to keep going. **The difference between a winner and a loser is the winner makes a decision to get back up again.** In **I Samuel 30:4** it says **Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.** I can relate to that. Less than a month ago, my mother went home to be with the Lord. My mother meant a lot to me! Although this has been a trying time, I realize that it was important to make a comeback by staying focused on the call of God and fulfilling the vision that God has given to me. In **I Samuel 30:6** it says **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.** Instead of David taking their response personally, it says David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

I believe that David began to think about all of the other victories that God had brought him through and as a result he began to encourage himself in the Lord. What was interesting was that David did not wait for someone to encourage him, he began to focus on all that the Lord had done for him, and as a result, he received encouragement. When you focus on people, you may get disappointed because they may or may not be there for you. The Bible says in **Psalm 118:8** **It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.** **God is our Source, not people.** Many times, God will use people, but He wants to remain the primary focus in our lives. I can remember a time when I had a need and God used one of the least likely people to supply it. It was someone whom seemed to be a very poor person. The Lord showed me through that experience (and many others), to keep my focus on Him. **He may use different channels,**

but He is always THE source! As you continue to read **I Samuel 30**, David ended up taking certain actions that changed his life forever. He went from running away from Saul to reigning over all of Israel; all because of his decision to get out of his distressed situation and make a comeback. David took six important actions that brought him to his **preordained deliverance**.

- (1) He encouraged himself, by making a decision to praise God in the middle of difficulty! (**1Sam. 30:6**)
- (2) He entered into the prayer of agreement with the priest! (**I Sam. 30:7**)
- (3) He got direction from God and followed his instructions! (**1 Sam. 30:8**)
- (4) He pursued after his enemy! (He did it in the natural, but we are to pursue the enemy in prayer.) (**1 Sam. 30:4**)
- (5) David penetrated the enemy's camp and recovered all! (**1 Sam. 30:17-20**)
- (6) He gave of the spoils! (**1 Sam. 30:23-31**)

Only God can cause a man to go from tragedy to triumph! In 2nd Samuel we see David beginning his rule as king over all of Israel. But if David wouldn't have passed this test, he may have never experienced the victory that God had promised. My friends, it is time for you and I to make a comeback!

In His Righteousness,

Harold M. Council
Senior Pastor

This partner letter is dedicated to two wonderful women who were very special to us, who went home to be with the Lord: Deirdre's grandmother, Mildred, who passed on May 26th at the age of 97 & Pastor Harold's mother, Verna Mae, who passed on July 20th at the age of 54. We love and miss them very much!!

MINISTRY UPDATE

Pastor Harold will be ministering at a **Men's Fellowship** at **Mt. Vernon Baptist Church** in Creedmoor, NC on **Saturday, August 6th at 8:00 am**. Pastors Harold & Deirdre will be ministering on **WCLY-1550 AM** on **Tuesday, August 9th from 9:00-10:00 am**. He will also be ministering at the **Boyer Street Revival** on **Tuesday, August 9th at 7: 00 pm**. Harold & Deirdre will be celebrating their **11th wedding anniversary** on **August 13th**. Deirdre will be celebrating her **birthday** on **August 15th**.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SOW SEED

- > Purchase of (4) microphones, stands and cables--- \$120 each (2 purchased, 2 remaining)
- > CD/Tape Player and Recorder---\$750

> Purchase of a keyboard--- \$600