

THE BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY

Staying Covered and Connected

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FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES

1 Samuel 30:9-10 [NLT]

“So David and his 600 men set out, and they came to the brook Besor. But 200 of the men were too exhausted to cross the brook, so David continued the pursuit with 400 men.”

1 Samuel 30:21-25

“Then David returned to the brook Besor and met up with the 200 men who had been left behind because they were too exhausted to go with him. They went out to meet David and his men, and David greeted them joyfully. But some evil troublemakers among David’s men said, ‘They didn’t go with us, so they can’t have any plunder we recovered. Give them their wives and children, and tell them to be gone.’ But David said, ‘No, my brothers! Don’t be selfish with what the Lord has given us. He has kept us safe and helped us defeat the band of raiders that attacked us. Who will listen when you talk like this? We share and share alike—those who go to battle and those who guard the equipment.’ From then on David made this a decree and regulation for Israel, and it is still followed today.”

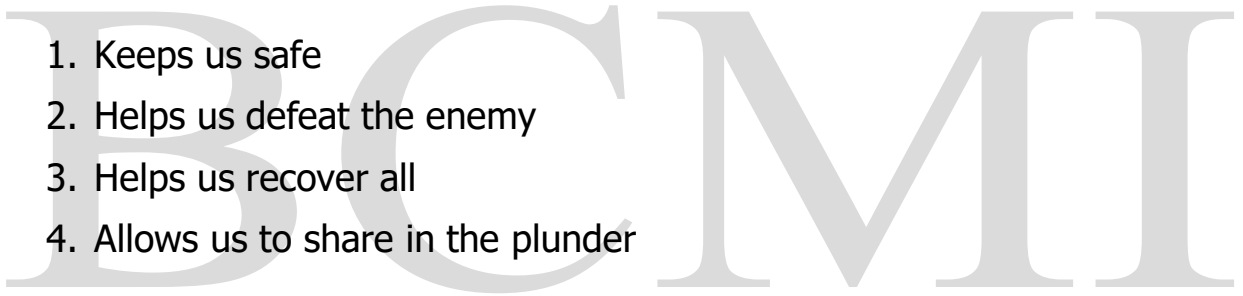
POWER POINTS

Two Categories of Warriors During War:

1. Those who **go** to the battle
2. Those who **guard** the equipment
 - Cover the team in prayer
 - Speak words of encouragement
 - Guard the anointing on your life (watch what comes into your eye-gates, ear-gates, and mouth-gate in this season)

The Benefits of Covenant Community (Perspective)

In context of community, the Lord:

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1. Keeps us safe
 2. Helps us defeat the enemy
 3. Helps us recover all
 4. Allows us to share in the plunder

Stay covered and connected to reap the benefits within the covenant community. The blessing on your leaders is accessed through staying covered. The troublemakers in this account were about to sabotage their blessing. David intervened and kept them at peace within the community.

Things to avoid:

1. Negative thinking, talking, and acting
2. Gossip
3. Strife (anything that causes division)

Instead of finding fault, let's find solutions that foster peace in our covenant community.