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Satan is trying to gain ground in our lives (2 Cor. 2:11)

- In our society (Rom. 12:2)
- In our family (Eph. 5; Prov. 13:24; 19:18; 22:15)
- In the church (1 Pt. 3:15)

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Many have regained significant spiritual territory

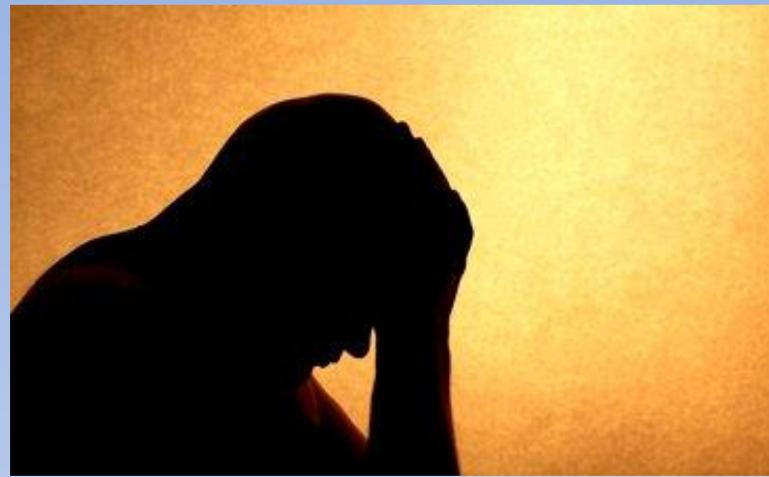
- Weak/fallen Christian: 1 Cor. 5:4-5; 2 Cor. 2:6
- Peter denied Christ but later defended (Acts 2)
- David sinned greatly yet would be called a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22)

# Have you given up ground?

- What about your relationship with the world?
  - Has materialism encroached upon your life? Has substance abuse established a place? Has lust and licentiousness taken a foothold?
- What about your relationship with your mate?
  - Respect and love need to be recovered (Eph. 5:33)
- What about your relationship with the Lord?
  - Has the fire of zeal gradually diminished? (Rev. 2:4)

Now it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag, on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire, <sup>2</sup> and had taken captive the women and those who *were* there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried *them* away and went their way. <sup>3</sup> So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive. <sup>4</sup> Then David and the people who *were* with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep. <sup>5</sup> And David's two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive. <sup>6</sup> Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters (I Samuel 30:1-6)

# David & Ziklag (1 Sam. 30)



## **David was distressed:**

He failed people for whom he was responsible.

The decisions he made had resulted in pain.

He is dealing with rejection, loneliness, isolation.

# Regaining lost territory (1 Sam. 30)



- Ask for the Lord's help (:7-8)
- Pursue the will of God (:8-9)
- Understand the need for help (:10, 24)
- Recognize the value of what was lost (:16)
- Invest significant energy in recovery! (:17)
- Share the joy of recovery with others! (:26)