

The Case of Paul & Silas

Acts 16

- The city of Philippi
- Discouraging circumstances
- The beating
- The inner prison
- The turn of events...



The Case of David at Ziklag

1 Samuel 30

- Amalekites burn the city
- Wives and children taken captive
- The people talk of stoning David
- David is greatly distressed



The Case of David at Ziklag

1 Samuel 30

- David strengthens himself
- He inquires of the Lord
- He takes action by God's direction





Overcoming Discouragement

Acts 16:26





Dis-courage

- To deprive of courage or confidence
- To dishearten or lose heart
- Demoralize
- Make despondent
- Cast down

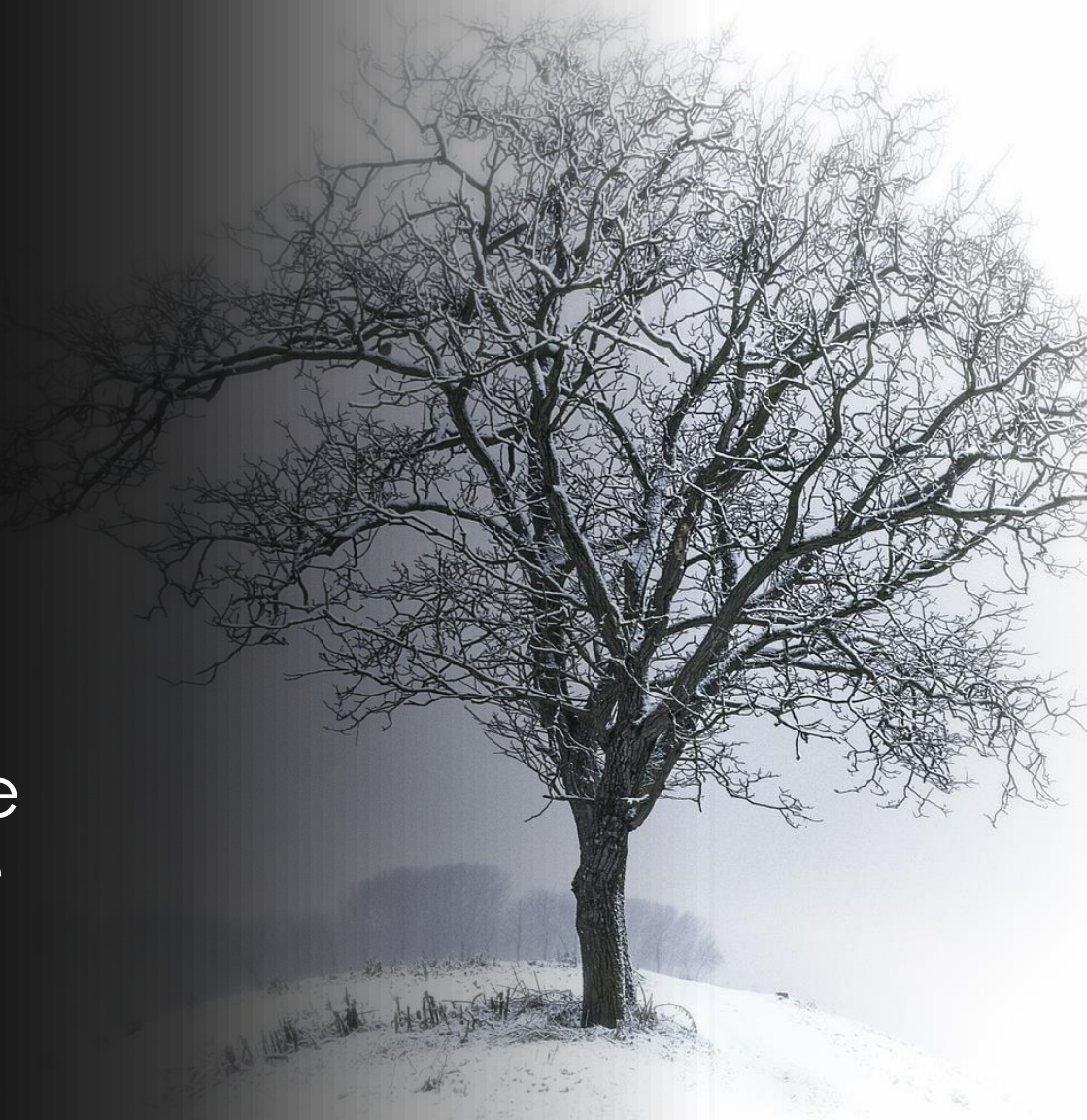


Don't Mistake Disappointment for Discouragement

- Disappointment
 - The feeling of sadness or displeasure caused by the nonfulfillment of one's hopes or expectations
- Discouragement
 - To deprive of courage or confidence – Dishearten

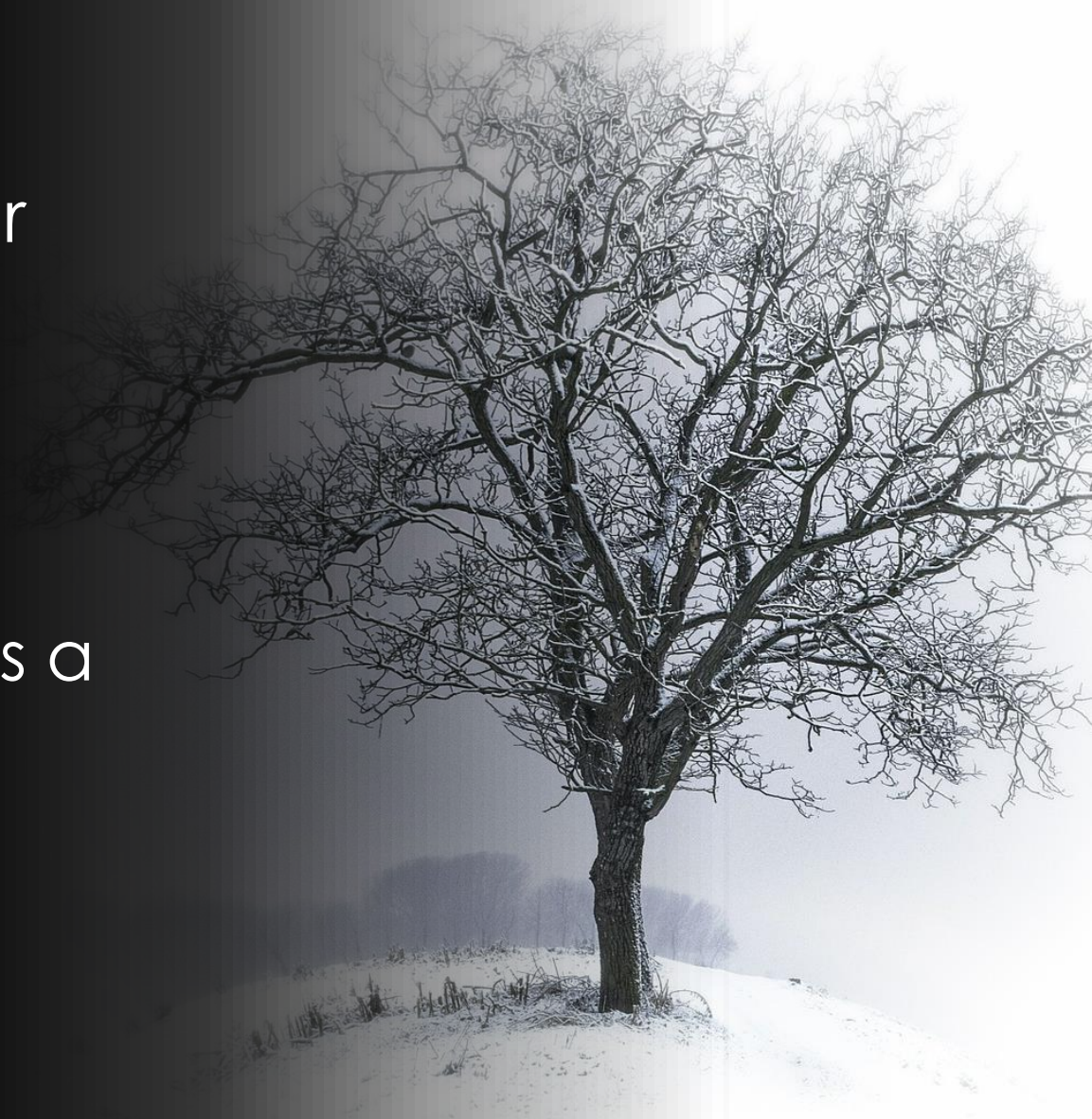
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- Discouragement is when I allow the **disappointment** to cause me to **lose heart** and become despondent to the state of despair



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- Disappointment is inevitable...
- Discouragement is a **CHOICE**





“That you do not lose heart”

- Ephesians 3:13
- “Lose heart” ekkakeo
- Luke 18:1
- 2 Thess.3:13
- 2 Corinthians 4:1, 16
- Galatians 6:9



The Dangers of Discouragement

- I lose hope
- I lose courage
- I draw back
- I stop growing my faith
- I become bitter



What Causes Me To Become Discouraged?

- My failures
- The failures of others
- Unjust criticism
- Teaching others with closed minds
- Church problems, Family problems, etc.

How To Overcome Discouragement

- Realize that everyone struggles with discouragement
- Realize that great men of faith have been discouraged





How To Overcome Discouragement

- Remember what God has done for you
- See God's present care and keeping
- Strengthen personal faith
- Stay focused on the Lord



How To Overcome Discouragement

- See the power of God at work in your life
- Realize that God still has work for you to do
- Realize that you're not alone
- Keep faith that God will avenge every wrong



How To Overcome Discouragement

- Remember to rejoice and pray
- Recognize there are some things which are out of your control
- Correct misperceptions
- Attend the next service of the church



How To Overcome Discouragement

- Don't let the unrighteous actions of others cause you to stumble!



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