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TURN A CORNER!

Who around you needs renewal? Who is in a time of despair or sin or dryness? Often renewal doesn't come in solitary situations, but as believers function as they should within the Body.

David was in "the pits"! He'd been anointed King of Israel (1Sa. 16:1-13), but instead of assuming his position he was being hunted for his life by the present King Saul. Many others were hunting him, too, to turn him over to the King for reward (1 Sa. 23:12).

"Then David and his men, about six hundred,... went wherever he could go... in the wilderness of Ziph" (1 Sa. 23:13,14).

And then David heard that King Saul was close at hand (23:15)! Maybe this was the end!

At this crucial time David's best friend set out from home, found him in his hiding place, and "encouraged him in God" (23:16). "'Don't be afraid,' he said...."

And David wrote,

"I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Psa. 27:13).

Can God use you today to renew a brother or sister in Christ? Like David he may feel he's "had it," and he needs to believe that he will see "the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." "Encourage him in God." Maybe this is his crucial day!

Maybe you've been too reticent. Turn a corner!