

Pursuing the Heart of God

Faith of Flight

Section 2

1 Samuel 17

1. _____ (4-11)-Goliath of Gath, a man of war. He was a giant with all the armor of war. He was an impossible obstacle.
 - a. His height ranged between 9'9"-11'4"
 - b. Helmet of Bronze
 - c. Coat of Mail
 - d. Bronze armor that protected his legs
 - e. Javelin
 - f. Spear- like a weaver's beam
 - g. Shield
 - h. Sword
 - i. He was literally an armored tank

2. _____ (12-19, 40, 42)-David was the youngest of 8. Just a boy in comparison to Goliath who was left at home to watch the sheep. He was just a mere shepherd.
 - a. Youth- a teenager
 - b. No Armor
 - c. Sling shot
 - d. 5 smooth stones

- e. Pouch
- f. Ruddy and Handsome

3. _____

- a. _____-Scared to fight Goliath. (11,24)
- b. _____- The king of Israel that the people had picked who had been rejected by God (1Samuel16:1). He too feared the champion of the Philistines. He even tried to bribe his men to fight with the promise of riches and his daughter's hand in marriage. (25)
- c. _____-the oldest of David's brothers, was part of the army of Israel. He also feared Goliath. He did not like that his youngest brother was there and thought that David had only come to see the battle. He ridiculed David. We know from 1 Samuel 16:6-7 that Samuel thought that he would definitely be the one God chose to be king. Eliab was probably embarrassed by his younger brother's boldness.

4. _____ **(9)**-The losing man's nation would serve the nation of the winner. Freedom versus Slavery.
5. _____ **(25)**- Whichever man of Israel could defeat Goliath would be rewarded with great riches and the king's daughter for his wife.
6. _____ **(33-39)**- One factor that no one had considered was the faith of David. David gives testimony that his faith is not just for this moment but is woven throughout every aspect of his life. David knew where his accomplishments came from.
7. _____ / _____
(42-47)
- a. Goliath makes fun of David and curses him by his god. (42-44)
 - b. David- I am not going to just kill you but I am going to cut off your head and I will feed your whole army to the birds and everyone will know that God doesn't save by sword and spear because He already won. Your mine. (45-47)

8. _____ **(48-51)** Goliath begins towards David and David charges towards Goliath. He takes a stone from his bag and places it in his sling and hurls it at Goliath. I can see both armies watching almost in slow motion as the stone travels through the air. The stone connects Goliath in the forehead and down he goes. Remember the call-Down goes Frasier. Down goes Goliath, Down goes Goliath.

-Notice in vs. 50-51 it says that David slew Goliath and no sword was in his hand just as he said he would do. He then takes Goliath's sword and cuts off his head.

9. _____ **(52)-** Now the men of Israel who were so terrified of the Philistines at the beginning, are now chasing after them with no reservation. They know that God has given them the victory.

Discussion Questions:

Hebrews 11:6 says “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

Do we live like God exists? How is this different from how others live?

In a culture that chases the latest fads and runs to self-help gurus, how are Christians to live differently? Do you seek after God? What does it mean to seek after God?

If we don't seek God in our everyday life, we won't seek him when we are faced with an “immovable obstacle”. Goliath appeared to be an “immovable obstacle” in the life of David. What are the “immovable obstacles” in your life?

Read through Hebrews 11, how many times does it say “By faith” or “through faith” _____ was accomplished? Where in your life does what you say you believe need to intersect with how you live?

Hebrews 11:32-38 32And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— 33who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. 36Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— 38of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

Which of the above accomplishments of faith most impresses you?

_____ put his _____ on display,
and it _____.

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The Lord was with him...

He behaved himself wisely

Section 3

1 Samuel 18, 24, 26

1. _____
 - a. Jonathan loves David as his own Soul. Jonathan gives David his robe, his armor, his sword, his bow, and his belt.
 - b. Saul appoints David over the men of war. He is put into a role of great honor and responsibility.
 - c. The women of Israel also give him great honor and praise him for his defeat of Goliath
 - i. They began to sing that Saul had slain thousands but to David they ascribed tens of thousands.
 - ii. This did not sit well with Saul. From that day forward David lived under the microscope of Saul.
 - d. Notice in vs 5, that whatever Saul asked David to do, David did it and through all of it David “behaved himself wisely”.

2. _____

- a. The harmful/evil spirit returns to Saul and David plays the harp before Saul as he had at other times.
- b. Saul has a javelin in his hand and tries to kill David by pinning him to the wall.
- c. Saul sends him out to battle, and David returns victorious.
- d. David “behaved himself wisely,” and the “Lord was with him”.
- e. When Saul saw how David responded he was afraid of him.

3. _____

- a. Saul decides to send David out to fight the Philistines in hope that he will die in battle.
- b. David is supposed to be married to Saul’s daughter Merab but when that time comes, she is given to someone else.
- c. Saul then finds out that his daughter Michal loves David.
- d. David doesn’t feel he is worthy of the dowry that should be paid because his family is poor.

- e. Saul asks for 100 foreskins of the philistines for a dowry.
- f. David brings him 200.
- g. Saul sees that God is with David and his daughter loves him and he fears him even more.

4. _____

- a. 1 Samuel 18:30 Then the commanders of the Philistines came out to battle, and as often as they came out David had more success than all the servants of Saul, so that his name was highly esteemed. (ESV)
- b. 1 Samuel 18:30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by. (KJV)

5. _____

- a. In chapters 24 and 26 of 1 Samuel we see 2 almost identical stories.
- b. David is out running for his life. Saul is chasing David to kill him.
- c. On one occasion David is hiding in a cave. Saul comes into use the

bathroom. David and his men are hiding in the shadows. David's men tell him that the day has come that God has delivered Saul into his hand and it is time to take the throne. David instead sneaks down and cuts off a piece of Saul's robe.

- d. 24:5-6 David regrets even cutting his robe.
- e. David decides to put the outcome into God's hands. (24:12-13)
- f. Saul's reaction. (24:17)
- g. 24:21-22 Saul asks for David to spare his family when he becomes king.
- h. In chapter 26 David again is on the run from Saul. Saul again is trying to kill David. David again gets the opportunity to kill Saul. Saul is asleep and David sneaks down to where he is sleeping.
- i. David's friend Abishai tells David that God has delivered him into his hand, and it is time to take the throne. Abishai even offers to take Saul's spear and pin him to the ground and kill him.
- j. David's response. (26:9-11)
- k. Saul's reaction (26:21)

What does it mean to behave yourself wisely?

1. _____ - David was a humble servant of God and remained a humble servant of the king. David would not touch God's anointed. A man or woman after God's own heart has a life that shows humility.
2. _____ - David was willing to wait on God's timing. Whether things were going well when the people and Jonathan honored him or when Saul was there and all around him tried to say this is God's will for you to take the throne, David was patient and waited on God's timing. David knew that if he waited on God's timing, God would raise him up to king when it was the right time.
3. _____ - David did what God wanted him to do regardless of the consequences. David lived out his faith in God. The circumstances didn't get better because he was faithful to God. Saul realized what he was doing was wrong, but he would return to try and kill David. David lived on the run for the rest of Saul's reign. Would life have been easier if he had listened to his friends? Yes,

probably. But David was faithful to God regardless of the circumstances or consequences.

Discussion Questions:

How do you respond when things go well? Do you respond with pride or humility?

David had to deal with difficult circumstances in his relationship with his superior. After reading how David interacted with Saul, his boss, what do you believe a Christian should do with a tough boss/work environment?

How do Paul's words in Ephesians 6:5-7 effect your answer?

David honored God in his actions with Saul regardless of the circumstances or consequences. How does paying eye-service dishonor God?

Saul's actions towards David were horrible. If a Christian has a horrible boss, how can working as if God was their boss keep them from being a people pleaser? How would this change in mindset effect your work?

Read Romans 12:17-21:

What is your first instinct when someone treats you wrong? Why is it so hard for us to respond with honor when we have been treated wrong?

How would your life be different at home, work, extended family if you gave up your “right” to vengeance and left it in God’s hands? How can you overcome evil with good?

David did what was right regardless of the circumstances or consequences. Do you let circumstances or consequences effect how you make decisions?