

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thess. 5:23

I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always.
1 Samuel 2:35

FAITHFUL MEN

1 Samuel 29

Week 22

Men, how comfortable are you in your ways? I have found it interesting, in my counsel of men, that many men begin most sessions with this statement; "well that's just the way I was brought up, I know no other way." Isn't it interesting, many times, we find ourselves saying this about ourselves? It really comes down to what we choose to embrace. As men we can have the tendency to embrace the security of what we know or what has defined us. Many times this can be good but many times it can be an obstruction or lead to destructive behavior or outcomes. God has so much more for us! As men we are anointed by Him to be more for Him and this anointing carries with it responsibility and that's not always comfortable.

So I have question for you:

Do you embrace your anointing or do you embrace your comfort?

In 1 Samuel 29 we see David continuing to run from Saul. At this moment he continues to seek refuge among the Philistines. Achish, the commander of the Philistines, ask David to serve in his army. David, for reasons that could be debated, agrees to serve with the Philistine army. What I would like for us to focus on is not the fact that David was serving in the Philistine army but the fact that THE anointed King of Israel seemed more comfortable with being a warrior than he did being THE king. I am sure David had his reasons, though up to now a lot of his actions have been questionable. But the fact that he does not mention he is king, is not referenced as king, and never once references his anointing leads me to believe he was more comfortable being a warrior than being the king. A warrior is what he was - THE king is what has become.

God has anointed us men toward influence and greatness. It is us that choose, many times, to not walk in the confidence of that anointing. We cannot enjoy the privilege of the anointing without the responsibility that goes along with it.

1. How should the fact that God anointed you to lead your family change the way you approach these relationships?
2. Why do you feel more comfortable in embracing your old life over the anointing God has placed on your new Christ centered life?
3. What must you do today in order to embrace God's anointing on your life? What must you leave behind?

As Faithful Men we have a calling to not only lead our homes, families, businesses, and communities but also a call to lead with the anointing power of God. We are called to be "faithful" to the God who provides us with a savior and a heavenly reward. We are called to allow Christ to strengthen us to leave the past comforts and embrace the power of influence we now have. This anointed influence causes us to lead our homes, businesses, communities, and churches in a way that reflects the character and presence of our Savior.

You're doing great! Keep peeling back the onion and exposing your heart to God's grace, healing and leadership.

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