

“A God Encounter”

Begin in the Spirit
End in the Spirit

Galatians 5:6

“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself in love.”

Galatians 3:2-3,5

Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? **After beginning with the Spirit**, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

5 Does God give you **His Spirit** and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard?

Spirit: Holy Spirit, The Third Person of the Trinity; The breath, the wind of God.

David Began in the Spirit

1 Samuel 16

6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.”

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

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11 So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David.

- The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David...

- Oh it is a wonderful thing when the Spirit of the Lord moves powerfully upon a person...
- There was nothing David did but stand there and receive...
- David Received the Holy Spirit, The Breath of God, The Wind of the Holy Spirit...

David, Full of the Spirit, was a Lover of God

Acts 13:22

God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; **he will do** everything I want him to do.'

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Love means Faith and Faith means Love

- Faith must work through Love.
- If it doesn't work through Love, it isn't real Faith.
- Love alone isn't enough; your love must also have Faith;

David Loved God

God Loved David

David Had Faith in God

The Spirit of God was working in David

David, Full of the Spirit, was Ready

1 Samuel 17

22 David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were. 23 As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and **David heard it.** 24 Whenever the **Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear.**

26 David asked the men standing near him, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?”

- What others without the Spirit were afraid of... David FULL OF THE SPIRIT saw as an Opportunity...
- Ministry is seeing a need... and stepping up to meet that need...
- Notice David never called Goliath a Giant...
- He called him a Disgrace and an uncircumcised Philistine...
- That meant Goliath you are **unworthy of** and **less than my God**...

Vs. 37-50

Then David said to King Saul

37 The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”

38 Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. 39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.”

So he took them off. 40 Then he took his **staff** in his hand, chose five smooth **stones** from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his **sling** in his hand, approached the Philistine.

41 Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. 42 He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him.

43 He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!”

45 David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in **the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies** of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and **I’ll strike you down and cut off your head**. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 All those gathered here will know that **it is not by sword or**

spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. 49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

- David was not use to Saul's formalities...
- Saul's armor represents man's effort...
- Man's effort represents Religion (or Legalism)...
- Religion is what man can do..
- David had Faith in the God he Loved...
- That Faith through Love represents Relationship with God...
- That Relationship comes by the Holy Spirit and leads to Revelation...
- A Revelation of who God is and what GOD CAN DO...

David, Full of the Spirit, got a head...

51 David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

53 When the Israelites returned from chasing the Philistines, they plundered their camp.

54 **David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem**; he put the Philistine's weapons in his own tent.

- David received the rewards the King promised to the one who killed Goliath...
- David was renown from that day forward and given a place at the Kings table...
- David was Loved by the people for his triumphant, this lead to many more victories after and eventually David being made King...
- This Victory followed David the rest of his life...
- All because David was Full of the Spirit...

David began in the Spirit and with the Spirit He Finished

David made mistakes... David made some major mistakes...

But David did not make the mistake Saul made...

Saul trusted in what He could do...

David continued to trust in what the Lord could do...

And when he fell these were his words...

Psalm 51

1

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

2

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

3

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

4

Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.

5

Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

6

Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

7

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

8

Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

9

Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.

10

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11

Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

12

Restore to me the joy of your salvation...

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David Finished with the Spirit