

WHOLE HEARTED – A FAITHFUL OBEDIENT HEART

SMALL GROUP NOTES 09/06/19

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SCRIPTURE

- 1 Samuel 17:1-27

SCRIPTURE CONTEXT

As we enter chapter 17, we see David has been anointed King and is in the service of the current king as his musician and armour bearer. Everything David touches seems to be turning to gold and yet we see the character and heart of David remains poised in the love and pursuit of God. Throughout chapters 16 and 17, we see the contrast between David and others. David is contrasted to his brothers, then contrasted with Saul, and now we see contrast between David and the armies of Israel.

David's obedient heart is evident throughout this passage – he obeyed his father when asked to take lunch to his brothers; obedience to God led him to face Goliath; and he stayed obedient to God when he heard Goliath's mocking and outrageous calls to the army of Israel. David simply obeyed and we find that obedience led to breakthrough where it seemed there was no hope of victory.

QUESTION FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. For those who have heard the preach, share a particular highlight and why that point stood out for you personally. Has it helped you in your week so far?
2. Why is the concept of obedience a tricky one in our society?
3. In the passage, despite being Saul's armour bearer, David hasn't gone to frontline but instead is fulfilling his responsibilities running between Saul and his father Jesse. Why do you think David doesn't quarrel with this? How do you think you would react?
4. As David is obedient to God in stepping up to challenge Goliath, we see obedience is not just about embracing the small and unseen, but it is also about stepping into tasks far bigger than you can handle. Has this kind of thing happened in your life before? How might God be calling you into the big and daunting right now, and what might be holding you back?