

1st- Time Commitment

- Today, *for the first time*, I pray...

Dear Jesus,

I confess that You are Lord. Thank you for forgiving my messy sin. Today, I surrender my life to You as my Lord and Savior.

Amen

Next Steps

- I will learn what I can from criticism but stay focused on God's promises.
- Please contact me at _____, about:
 - Volunteering at Easter; April 20th or 21st
 - Attending CLASS 101: Discovering Membership; Tues, April 9th
 - Attending CLASS 201: Developing Spiritual Maturity; Tues, April 9th

WHAT'S HAPPENING

MARCH
30

GEORGIA DOOM ARENA FOOTBALL
HARVEST CHURCH TAKEOVER! | MACON CENTREPLEX | 2PM
TICKETS 2 FOR \$10 AT HARVESTCHURCH4U.ORG/EVENTS

APRIL
9

CLASS 101 AND 201
TUESDAY | H2 | 6:30
SIGN UP ON THE WEBSITE TODAY

APRIL
20-21

EASTER AT HARVEST
SAT - 20TH | *2:00 | *4:00 | *6:00
SUN - 21ST | 9:00 | 10:30 | 12:00 | *5:00
* EGG HUNT AFTER SERVICE



Its that time of year again! Please drop off bags of individually wrapped Easter candy in the lobby on Sundays!
(PLASTIC EGGS NOT NEEDED. WE HAVE PLENTY!)

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH EVERYTHING THAT IS HAPPENING AT
HARVESTCHURCH4U.ORG

17
MAR

Messy
PEOPLE

9:00 10:30 12:00

 **Harvest**
CHURCH

How to Deal with Criticism

1 Samuel 17 (David and Goliath)

ridiculous!’ Saul replied. ‘There’s no way YOU can go against this Philistine! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a professional warrior all his life!’” 1 Samuel 17:32-33

Critic: (noun)

- A person who expresses an unfavorable opinion of something
- Detractor, attacker, backbiter, villifier, disparager

Critics David had to Deal With

1. His **DAD** held him **BACK**.

“Now David was the youngest of Jesse’s eight sons . . . His three older brothers enlisted in Saul’s army . . . but David was held back to care for the sheep in Bethlehem.”

1 Samuel 17:12-15

2. **BOTH ARMIES** said Goliath was **UNBEATABLE**.

“Each day Goliath would stand and shout at the ranks of Israel’s army, ‘Why do you come out here and line up for battle? . . . Choose one man to fight me. If he’s able to kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I kill him, you’ll become our subjects and serve us.’ Day after day Goliath taunted them saying ‘This day I defy the ranks of Israel!’ When Saul and the Israelites heard this, everyone was deeply shaken and paralyzed with fear.”

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Samuel 17:8-11

“For forty days, twice a day, morning and evening, the Philistine giant loudly berated the Israelite army.”

1 Samuel 17:16

“As David talked with his brothers on the front line, he saw Goliath start shouting his usual threats to Israel’s army. When the army heard Goliath, they all ran away in terror.”

1 Samuel 17:23-24

3. His **BROTHERS** questioned his **MOTIVES**.

“David asked, ‘What’s the reward for killing this Philistine and ending this disgraceful abuse?’ . . . When David’s older brother heard this he burned with anger at David and said ‘Why are YOU even here anyway? Why aren’t you taking care of your scrawny little flock of sheep? You cocky little brat. I know how conceited you are!’ ‘Now what have I done?’ said David. ‘Can’t I even ask a question?’”

1 Samuel

17:26-29

4. The **GOVERNMENT** said he wasn’t **QUALIFIED**.

“‘Don’t worry about a thing,’ David told the King, ‘I’ll fight this Philistine!’ ‘Don’t be

*“Your critics are like aligators;
but that doesn’t make them bad people.”*

Choices In Responding to Criticism

Don’t Do These

1. Defend yourself.
2. Attack back

Do These

3. ___ **FILTER** ___, Process,
Respond, and ___ **USE** ___.
4. ___ **IGNORE** ___

Application

I. Filter, Process, Respond, and Use

(Questions to Ask Yourself)

1. Is this person trying to help me or hurt me? (Motive)
2. Are there legitimate concerns in their criticism that I may not be seeing? (Content)
3. Have my actions or decisions been misunderstood? (Knowledge)
4. Is more information needed?
5. Am I just wrong and need to admit it?
6. How would Jesus respond to this criticism or conflict?

II. Stay focused on ___ **GOD** ___ and His ___ **PROMISES** ___.

*“...bitter people spoke against David and talked of stoning him, but **David found strength in the Lord.**”*
1 Samuel 30:6

*“**The Lord is for me, so I will not be afraid.** What can mere mortals do to me?”*
Psalm 118:6