



sermon highlights

STICKS AND STONES WEEK THREE: ATTITUDE

Week three of the Sticks & Stones series was about "Attitude." To discuss the type of passion that allowed David to defeat Goliath,

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

1 Samuel 17:17-26 ! ! **Psalms 51:12**!

PASSIONATE PEOPLE CARRY OUT SMALL ASSIGNMENTS WITH A WILLING SPIRIT

-Before David fought Goliath, he had no idea of the magnitude of the assignment he would soon undertake. David was simply running an errand for his father. Obeying his father, he set out early in the morning to deliver bread and cheese to his brothers. When he got there, he ran to the battle lines to see how his brothers were doing. By obeying his smallest assignments with such a willing heart, David found himself in front of Goliath, in position to be used by God in a greater way than he could have imagined.

-One of the smallest assignments that anyone can take seriously is to get to church every weekend.

-As a father to my children is one of my most important assignments. As the father, "It's easy to play catch or wrestle or do the things that a father and son can share... But for my girls. To be sensitive and thoughtful with them is my biggest assignment."

PASSIONATE PEOPLE MUST GUARD THEIR STRENGTH, OR IT WILL BECOME A DOUBLE WEAKNESS

-Long after David fought Goliath, he prayed in Psalm 51:12 that God would restore a pure heart and grant a willing spirit within him. He said this *after* committing adultery with Bathsheba. The same passion that gave David the confidence to fight Goliath was the same impulse that later caused him to act on his sinful desires.

-Passion has the potential to threaten overall happiness.

-Therefore, it's important to consciously channel our passions to be used in the right ways, without allowing them to detract from our ability to enjoy the lives God has given us.

PASSIONATE PEOPLE INTERPRET INTIMIDATION AS AN INVITATION

-David should have been intimidated by Goliath, but he didn't run, he stepped forward to fight in confidence.

-As Pastor Ruben preached, "It's not that people who do great things for God don't hear intimidation, it's that they push through it. They recognize that if something is intimidating, it must be valuable and worth doing."

-In times of feeling invaluable. I find my confidence in my preparation.

-When we see intimidation as an invitation to develop the gifts God has given us, we can have the confidence to fight the battles we never thought we'd win.

PASSIONATE PEOPLE WILL FIGHT TO THE FINISH IN THE BATTLES THAT MATTER THE MOST

- "Don't let the enemy win."

-Like David, we have had to fight battles that seemed too great to overcome. Your "Goliath" isn't necessarily a person you have to defeat, but a marriage, relationship, friend, job, or business you have to fight for.

- "Don't give up hope. It is never too late with God. We give up hope on people, but God never does. He can change people. Keep walking it out, one day at a time."

- "God can change anyone. He can have an impact on you, whether you are ready for it or not. It will happen at His appointed time, but you have to be ready to embrace it."