

Same but Different

Contend Bonus Message

David is about Jesus, but we are called to imitate Jesus

⁶ Now it had happened as they were coming *home*, when David was returning from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with musical instruments. ⁷ So the women sang as they danced, and said:

"Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands."

⁸ Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *only* thousands. Now *what* more can he have but the kingdom?" ⁹ So Saul eyed David from that day forward.

¹⁰ And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played *music* with his hand, as at other times; but *there was* a spear in Saul's hand. ¹¹ And Saul cast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence twice.

¹² Now Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, but had departed from Saul. ¹³ Therefore Saul removed him from his presence, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. ¹⁴ And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the Lord was with him. ¹⁵ Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him. ¹⁶ But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

Title // Same But Different

Pray

Introduction // 2 men 1 angry, 1 affirmed

The start of both of their ends happened in 1 Samuel 17

They both were on the same battlefield.

Dad story

Two people can be in the same battle and one can look back and blame it for their failures and another can look back and see it as the beginning of their blessings

Here is the question: who will we be subject to?

the giant or God?

David and Saul same battle, same anointing, same God, but different behaviors

- Sometimes you have to behave yourself into certain blessings
 - Proverbs

Contrast therapy

shock the Saul out of you and to see the David in you

1. Same Battle Different Reference Point

- a. 1 Samuel 17:8-11 & 1 Samuel 17:23-24
- b. Does our current situation replace God's revelation or does God's revelation give us perspective in our current situation.
- c. JFK JR
- d. My dad's words vs my thoughts
- e. reference what God says in what reality is shouting
 - i. David Psalms 40:8 & Psalms 119:11 **HIDDEN VS HIDING**
 - ii. What proved to be really real? God's word
 - iii. exhort that

2. Same Battle Different Risk/Reward Perspective

- a. 1 Samuel 17:25-30
- b. David's eyes saw the reward. Saul's eyes saw the risk.
- c. gym illustration
 - i. Saul // would rather not fight and come up with a way to remove the battle
 1. What he wants to keep he ends up giving away
 - a. gain the world lose your soul
 - ii. Soldiers would rather commentate

1. "It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually **in the arena**, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."
 - a. Theodore Roosevelt
2. BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU ARE MORE COMMENTATOR THAN CHRISTLIKE
- iii. David would rather be subject to God than Goliath
 1. who is this? Who defies
 - a. If I die, I die honoring God
 - b. If I win, I honor God and am handed the blessing
3. Same Battle, different reverence
 - a. Reverence = profound respect, awe, and submission
 - i. David didn't just have the covenant of God's word, but also the witness of God showing up in the secret place of his obedience
 - ii. The soldiers and Saul had grown reverence for a giant who was shouting at them
 1. Have you grown reverence for a giant who has shouted over your generations?
 2. It will always be this way?
 - iii. Saul shrunk down into the shout
 - iv. David stirred up for the cause // The glory of God
 1. GENERATIONS & FAMILIES
 2. PREACH THE VICTORY STORY
4. Same Battle, different results
 - a. same opportunity... In text 40 days and 40 nights...
 - i. One hid from the battle... One hurried into it
 - b. One resulted in anger and was ashamed
 - c. One resulted in affirmation and was secure
 - d. CM Story

MIAMI STORY

WE RUN AWAY BY RUNNING INTO

