



David: A study on his life.

Part 4b David and the Dwarf Continued

Review last two studies: Questions.

1 Samuel 17:29 And David said, what have I now done? Is there not a cause?

Cause: Errand, Message, Business, Purpose.

What message was David giving?

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It was a message that got to the ears of King Saul.

Verse 31 And when the words were heard which David spoke, they rehearsed them before Saul and he sent for him.

People got to hear what David was saying. His words became their hope. They began to spread the word not in a discounting way, but as a means of hope. Remember where they were. 40 Days in not intimidation and fear for their lives.

They rehearsed the words before Saul.

Rehearsed: To Certify, To Declare, To Explain.

Also, Mouth, Predict.

They began to repeat what David had said. They used his words and by the use of these words began to predict what was to happen. They began to speak of things to come however improbable they seemed, they began to believe.

2 Corin 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you; in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

The word established as we know it. Set, Confirmed, Appointed.

The people received the word, believed it and responded (acted) upon it. From the mouth of God to David's heart, from David's mouth to the heart of the people and the people spoke!!

Do we rehearse the good things of God?. The word of God or are we a bit like Chinese whispers.

Obstacle: Pride

verses 32-33 Read

I believe that David had convinced the people. He had won them over and they were holding onto the hope that he had given them. The problem was now with Saul. He was the decision maker, unless he agreed, nothing would happen. We see how pride gets in the way and how dismissive he is of David. Saul could still not see beyond the outward appearance.

David's Testimony

verses 34-37 Read

David spends the next moments (as long as it takes) to recount what God had done in his life. He gives his Testimony.

Make a list of the things that David shares?

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The Testimony of what God has done not what he hasn't done will begin to win over people. Finally pride came tumbling down. David must have given a good testimony, a good honest account of what God had done. Saul has a change of heart and agrees to allow David to take on the Dwarf.

So often when we face our giants we forget what we ought to remember and remember what we ought to forget. We remember our defeats and forget our victories!!

Be Yourself:

How often do you try to be or pray to be like someone else? Right now, who would you most like to be like and why?

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Veres 38-39 Read

Saul who is a 52 long and David is a 36 Regular!!

Saul tried to make David look like him and assumed what suited him would suit David.

EG: Oversized clothes.

When you try to look like someone else you leave yourself open to look as ridiculous as David would have looked. Unable to move, likely to trip and fall. Uncomfortable.

David could not be Saul, why would he. Saul had shown his true colours and was a fearful as the rest.

David had never prepared himself to fight as Saul did. To David, Saul's protection and weapons were untested.

Not Proved: Tested, Attempted or tried.

Faced with the same situations in life, do we use untested, untried ways that others may try to impose on us or do we rest assured in the tried and tested ways of God.

David threw off Saul's armour and so we need to throw off the ways of the world and trust God.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Read

Think of some times that you may have been persuaded to do things other people's ways, or times when you tried to be like someone else?

Remember you are unique, a one off:

We are known to have 5 people in the world (7 Billion) who look similar to us. We are not known to have anyone who is identical.

Psalm 139:13-17 Read

Make a note of your uniqueness

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