

Unlikely Heroes: Shepherd Boy to Warrior King

TEXT: 1 Samuel 16-17

The other people we've looked at in this series became heroes through acts of faith, acts of obedience, & overcoming insecurity. David, though uncelebrated, already was one.

Heroes begin in the HEART 1 Samuel 16:7

- ❖ People look at the outside: The Lord looks much deeper within. The Lord looks to the heart.
- ❖ David was already a hero before defeating Goliath. Goliath was just an opportunity for the world to see.
- ❖ How to recognize heroes among you?
Before someone gets the opportunity to be warrior King, they prove themselves as Shepherd boy.
 - Heroes have a good attitude about work. Even when they aren't invited to the company party. They don't serve to be seen. 1 Samuel 16:5,11; 1 Samuel 17:20
 - Heroes are faithful – steady to do what is before him to do. David was doing his job. v11, Luke 16:10
 - Heroes aren't looking for the fanfare. Heroes don't look for opportunities to be heroic; they answer the call.
 - They tend to have a good reputation with others. 1 Samuel 16:18
 - v21 NOTE: employers like: faithful people, who work hard, have good attitudes, exercise restraint/tact when they speak, and know when not to speak.
 - Take ownership & protect the innocent. 1 Samuel 17:34-35
 - Fight for a cause. Not for themselves. 1 Samuel 17:45
 - Know whose battle you're fighting. 1 Samuel 17:47

In life Giants WILL come

- ❖ Giants are scary and they know it. Until you stand up to them, they will keep inching forward & will take more ground.
- ❖ Giants want to isolate you and battle 1 on 1. You don't have to face them alone. It's ok to double and triple team them. Matt 18:19-20
- ❖ Giants have children 2 Samuel 21:16-22. There are always more where that one came from. Stay ready.

Be a Hero

- ❖ Fight the Fights worth fighting for. Not all fights are.
 - Social Media fights rarely are. Personal filters I've adopted:
 - Is it Helpful? Is it True? Is it Kind? Is it clear?
- ❖ Live by a Code. What are the non-negotiables for you?
- ❖ Be Bigger than your fears
 - "Thinking will not overcome fear, but action will." – W. Clement Stone
 - David stepped up and answered the challenge because he knew he wasn't fighting alone. He could be bigger than his fears, because his GOD was bigger than them. Psalm 23
- ❖ Size doesn't matter. Faith, Courage, & Commitment are what count.
 - It isn't the size of the problem you face. Big or little, problems don't determine what is possible for you.
 - David knew what mattered.
 - Faith – bigger than your doubt.
 - Courage – bigger than your fear.
 - Commitment – bigger than yourself.
- ❖ Use what you have. Stop complaining about what you don't have. Use your tools. 1 Samuel 17:39-40
 - Learning new skills & techniques are great... DO IT! Just don't do it in the middle of your battlefield. Studying the slingshot is more effective before the fight... so is studying Scripture.
 - Goliath wasn't intimidated by David, speaking the Word. 1 Samuel 17:46-48 You can talk the talk, but what makes a hero is walking the walk.
- ❖ Heroes believe the MISSION is POSSIBLE
 - Israel didn't believe defeating Goliath was possible. That's why they were afraid. David knew that "with God all things are possible." Mark 10:27; Mark 9:23
 - David knew the MISSION is POSSIBLE – because he remembered the covenant. 1 Samuel 17:26; 1 Samuel 17:45-47

Like David, you've been anointed as a priest and king. The Lord sees the HERO in you. When the giants of life appear, rise up and be the HERO He's called you to be.