

David & Goliath #3

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Monday:

There were 4 lessons that Andy brought out last week:

- **Only The Father Knows Who You Are.**
 - The only way to find out who you are is through a personal relationship with the Father, where you are interacting with Him, so you have to go to Him. It's always meant to be relational between us and Him. It's so important to see things from God's standpoint, so taking some time with Him should be at the top of your list.
 - God centers on the heart, and that's what He is after.
 - **Wisdom, Logic, Reason, Experience and even Common Sense can't take the place of the Word/Voice of God.**
 - Samuel could have easily picked the wrong guy to be king if he was going on these five characteristics without being in tune with what God as saying.
 - **You Can Forfeit the Call and Plan of God Over Your Life.**
 - Saul, the king, was God's hand-picked man, but Saul had a recurring problem with compromise. God got to the point where He couldn't trust Saul with what His plan was for Israel.
 - My job is not to do all the ministry around here. My chief call is to equip you for the work of the ministry, and to point you in the right direction to find out what the call, talents and gifts are that God has blessed you with.
 - **True Worship Destroys the Enemy's Attempts at Oppression.**
 - Sunday morning is not the only time you should worship.
"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service (of worship)."
- If you want to cut the enemy off, just start worshiping. Anytime you say, "Jesus, I love You," that's worship. Anytime you honor God with your attitude, your words, your work, your life, it's worship.

Tuesday:

Please, please, please take the time to read 1 Samuel chapters 16 and 17. Without reading these chapters first, there is a lot in this message that might not make a lot of sense to you.

Paul tells us that the spiritual is not first, but the natural and afterwards the spiritual.

David's battle was against Goliath (a natural battle), but your battle is a spiritual battle. *"We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the spiritual host of wickedness in heavenly places."*

Everything that happened in the Old Testament were types and shadows (as examples) of what's to happen in the New Testament. The Old Testament was written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Jesus said, *"I've come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."* Jesus was the way, the truth and the life.

We're in the spiritual part now, because we're under the new covenant of grace, not of law.

So the enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy. He'll steal your joy, your peace and anything from you that you'll allow him to do. He knows, sometimes better than God's people know, that you have authority over all the power of the devil.

Satan is a formidable foe. Without the help of the Lord, he'll defeat you every single time, but you have the ready help of the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday:

Satan is a great liar. He always comes to you in a place in your life where there's tangible evidence that what he's saying to you is true. So you take a little bit and he'll give you a whole bunch more. Pretty soon, you're believing the lie.

Testing is an integral part of your Christian life. God only tests you where you need to be tested. Look at the hardest thing that you're going through right now. You're getting tested, and God's trying to get your attention focused on Him. You're being tested in the natural to see if He can trust you with the supernatural.

If you keep on taking the same test over and over, start paying attention to the Lord and start asking Him, *"What are you trying to teach me in this situation?"*

There was a valley between the two armies and Goliath went out morning and evening to taunt the armies of Israel, which made them greatly afraid, Goliath being 9.5 feet tall.

When David was summonsed by his father to take supplies to the front line, he didn't leave the flock unattended.

Sometimes someone will volunteer to do something. They are really faithful up to a point and they had to be gone one Sunday, and they didn't get anybody to cover for them. That doesn't work.

When you volunteer or are appointed and you agree to do something, and you can't be

here, then you have to find someone to cover for you so that all the bases are covered. That's an integrity thing, a responsibility, a grown-up thing, and it can be a character thing.

Thursday:

David knew who he was. He knew that he was in covenant with God. If you're born again, you're in covenant with God. You have an advantage in every single situation that you can imagine.

David said to Saul, *"Your servant has killed both lion and bear, and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God."* So one of the lessons in this is your faith. No one can activate your faith but you.

The more you exercise your faith, the more your faith grows. You may not exercise it at all, but it doesn't go away. God has given us all the same measure of faith. You have faith to carry you through the situation that you're going through in your life this very minute.

You can't operate under someone else's anointing. You're called and given specific gifts and talents to carry out the plan of God for your life. It's called finding your place, figuring out how you are gifted, so you can be a functional contributor to the body of Christ. If you're not fulfilling the call of God on your life, there's a part of the body that's not working.

When you got born again, you are a rough stone, and the things that you're going through right now in your life are to help knock the rough edges off so that you fit perfectly in this mystical thing called the church.

Friday:

When David went out to battle, Goliath said, *"Am I a dog that you come to me with sticks?"* Then Goliath cursed David by his gods, false gods, demon gods.

Then David said to Goliath, *"You come to me with a sword, a spear and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord."* Anytime you say, *"In the Name of the Lord"*, you're invoking God's presence, His supply, His rescuing. You ought to use the name of Jesus a lot.

Remember, your enemies are not people. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 say, *"For though we walk in the flesh, we don't war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds."*

Satan doesn't come at you with an outright lie; he comes at you in a deceiving way to try to get you to compromise what God is saying. So, you have to learn to take those

thoughts captive and not allow those thoughts to take root, affect you and influence you.

If you pay attention to the little things, then when you get to the big things, and you'll know what to do.

So David struck him and the stone sank into Goliath's forehead and he fell on his face to the earth. David then cut off his head and took it back to Jerusalem. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled and the Israelites arose and pursued them.

Here is the lesson in this. Your faith ignites the faith of the people around you.

Saturday:

Remember, first the natural and then the spiritual. If you want to strike the enemy in the most vulnerable spot, to completely disable him, here are some of the things that you need to do:

- • **Get relational with the Father.** Interact with Him.
- • **Receive His love.** It's the thing that transforms your entire life, but more importantly, your heart. You won't know that kind of love until you experience it yourself. So, for others, they're not going to experience the love of the Father until we point them in that direction.
- • **Listen.** Over the last 3-4 years, the most important thing I'm doing in my life now is listening. Take some time. Don't put a time frame on it. If you spend some time with Him and you don't hear anything, don't worry about it, because the prize really is His presence. Learn to discipline yourself to be in the moment and just listen.

If you are hearing truth, you'll recognize the lie. We are in the days where people call good evil and evil good. Even the very elect have a chance to be deceived by the enemy.

- • **Be obedient.** Don't compromise whatever you feel like you heard from God.
- • **Use Your faith.** More often than not, I think it was God, but I never actually know for sure until I add my faith to that. Until I add faith and start walking it out, then God proves that it's Him. It's not "show me a sign and I'll believe". It's believing and He will show you a sign.
- • **Stay consistent.** Keep walking it out. Keep paying attention. Be consistent, day in and day out.
- • **Love.** We are commanded to love one another. Ask yourself, in every circumstance and every encounter you have with someone, "*How did I love in this situation?*" With some people, it's easy, with some it's hard, and with others it almost seems impossible.

If you'll do what we're talking about, if you'll spend that time with the Father, if you'll

grow deeper in your relationship with Him, your faith will grow and bloom. If you think like this, you'll start to act like it and walk like it.

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