



SERMON NOTES

COURAGEOUS FAITH (PART II)

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I Kings 17

- **COURAGEOUS FAITH WILL PREPARE DILIGENTLY**
 - “So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail.” – I Samuel 17:38
 - You can’t be courageous with someone else’s armor
 - “I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them.” So David took them off.” – I Samuel 17:39
 - You need to take off the **EXPECTATIONS** of others
 - David didn’t have **EXPERIENCE** in Saul’s armor
 - A key to **PREPARATION** is knowing your **LIMITATIONS**
 - “Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd’s bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand...” – I Samuel 17:40a
 - You need to take **INVENTORY** of what you have that God can use
 - “After him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who killed six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad; and he also delivered Israel.” – Judges 3:31
 - David was headed into **HEATED BATTLE** against a **FIERCE OPPONENT** with a **SHEPHERD’S BAG** not a **WARRIOR’S AMOR!**
 - “And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all the young men here?’ Then he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep.’” – I Samuel 16:11
- **COURAGEOUS FAITH WILL ENGAGE CONFIDENTLY**
 - “...and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.” – I Samuel 17:40b
 - We need to draw near; not withdraw; you cannot **CONQUER** what you will not **CONFRONT**
 - That you have **STEADILY**, God to use **MIGHTILY**
 - “And the LORD said to Gideon, “The people who *are* with you *are* too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’” – Judges 7:2
 - You may have **TOO MUCH** to give God glory
 - The LORD will **DIMINISH** your resources to **MAGNIFY** his glory
 - “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us” – Ephesians 3:20
 - “And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking.” – I Samuel 17:42
 - David, like many young people, are looked over and underestimated
 - “Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” – I Timothy 4:12

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- God has a **PURPOSE** and **PLAN** for our youth!
- “Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.” – I Samuel 16:13
- David was **CONFIDENT** because he was **ANOINTED**
- Anointing means to be **SET APART** and **ENDUED** with power
- Lack of **PURPOSE** breeds **INSECURITY**
- **COURAGEOUS FAITH WILL COME OUT VICTORIOUSLY**
 - “Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin...” – I Samuel 17:37a
 - The enemy (Goliath) has short, medium and long range weaponry at his disposal...he'll use his whole arsenal!
 - “...But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.” – I Samuel 17:37
 - David is **CONFIDENT**; not **ARROGANT** (Ephesians 3:12)
 - “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” – I John 5:14
 - “So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But *there was* no sword in the hand of David.” – I Samuel 17:50
 - Like David, you will come out victoriously when you have courageous faith

HOW IS GOD CHALLENGING YOU TO HAVE COURAGEOUS FAITH?



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