

David: A Christian Hero
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I. Introduction.

A. Key passage: 1 Samuel 17.

B. A movement will be effective if at the heart of it are a few genuine Christian heroes.

II. Three things that mark out a hero.

A. He has penetrated into ultimate reality—he knows where he came from, where he is, and where he is going.

B. He holds this faith in humility, honesty and humility.

C. He casts himself upon his faith without reservation.

III. The hero connected to ultimate reality.

A. Ultimate reality is God Himself plus nothing.

B. Moses was another hero—he considered God his dwelling place.

C. A real Christian hero is the one who has penetrated into and connected to God.

D. David looked at the situation with Goliath from God's point of view.

1. The Israelites by contrast were afraid and greatly dismayed.

2. They had forgotten the living God.

IV. How to penetrate ultimate reality.

A. Spending time with God.

1. David likely spent lots of time meditating on the fact that God Himself was his Shepherd and was with Him.

2. We need to spend time getting to know God so that we are tied to eternity and a foundation is established when hardship comes.

3. Even Jesus drew away to get to know God. (Luke 5)

4. Men who have moved their generation have withdrawn to get to know God.

5. Few Christians can even spend a day alone with God.

B. Maintaining humility, honesty and sincerity.

1. David was willing to acquiesce to the circumstances whether it was a place of obscurity or prominence—he remained faithful in the least and in the greatest.
2. His humility allowed God to use him greatly.
3. Pride, envy, jealousy and anger grieves the Spirit today—God looked at David and saw humility and so chose him.
4. One of the greatest releases for a Christian comes when he admits that he cannot do some of the same things another can do. On the opposite end it dishonors God when he says God has given him nothing—this is not true. The Christian is to admit the truth about himself.
5. One of the greatest hindrances to our witness is that we do not want to look silly. David was single-minded about the honor of God.

C. Casting oneself upon God.

1. Far too few people in the church know how to lead someone to Christ.
2. When one commits to praying for someone every day one enters the battle.
3. The real Christian hero is the one who commits himself.
4. Based upon what God has done we ought to believe He will continue to deliver us.
5. Based upon what God did, David had confidence in the Lord against Goliath.
6. David's purpose was to demonstrate to the world God's glory.

Application questions.

1. What is ultimate reality and why is penetrating it the qualification for a hero?

2. Why is humility crucial to penetrate 'ultimate reality'? How is David an example of this?

3. What is your relationship to God through Christ? Have you received Him into your life in faith? If not, what is holding you back? If so, what are you doing to withdraw to be with Him today?
