

Devotional

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Chuck Todd

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DAVID

David The Giant & Goliath The Underdog?

"I will bet you \$5 to a shoeshine I can tell you where you got those shoes", proclaimed a young man to me as I walked the streets of the French Quarter in New Orleans. I took the bet and received a very valuable lesson that day. Most call this a hustle or a scam. To me it was an investment. I feel all knowledge costs something. Either you pay for the book, pay the school, or pay through mistakes, knowledge always has a price. On this day my courier of knowledge was a wise teacher disguised as a shoe shine boy.

As I reflected on my newly found "shoe shine wisdom", the story of David and Goliath pushes its way into my conscience. We all are very aware of the underdog David defeating the heavyweight favorite in combat, the giant Goliath.

There is another story to be told here though.

Goliath is the hand to hand combat champion. His size and strength could never be met by the shepherd boy. He issued the challenge, he laid out the rules. Israel was looking for a champion to fight Goliath on his terms. To fight Goliath on Goliath's terms is sure failure. David answered the challenge but would only engage on his own terms. David would not fight another man's battle or take another man's bet. Goliath's strength was in close, hand to hand, combat. David's strength was that of a marksman. David was proficient with sling with some distance between him and his combatant. His weapon was accurate and deadly. National Geographics magazine mentions the power of the roman sling which was virtually identical to the one used by David:

*Recent experiments conducted in Germany showed that a 50-gram Roman bullet hurled by a trained slinger has only slightly less stopping power than a .44 magnum cartridge fired from a handgun. Other tests revealed that a trained slinger could hit a target smaller than a human being from 130 yards away.

David, who engaged in battle against his enemy on his own terms with his God given strengths, was the giant of this battle and Goliath was about to discover he brought a knife to a gunfight. David refused to engage in battle on the enemy's terms and with weapons the Lord did not empower him to wield.

Back to New Orleans

I knew this was a trick but I wanted to know what the trick was. As soon as I agreed the boy broke out in rhyme, "you got your shoes on your feet right on the corner of..." he then dropped to his knees and began polishing my shoes while continuing to rhyme some life changing advice. "Never take another man's bet, never fight another man's fight..." I knew I had been hustled, however I was happy to pay because I realized the advice he gave me was worth much more than the price I paid.

In life, Satan will always bait you. He will try to get you to fight, even fight a righteous battle, but on his terms. Once we agree we will surely lose. Don't allow Satan to dictate terms on anything. Don't allow him to dictate your self worth, happiness, actions, etc... All engagements should be on your terms in alignment with God's word and will for you. Listen only to God. Fight only God's battle on God's terms. You will then always be fighting in God's strength.

DAVID

TODAY'S CHALLENGE:

- Be aware of and attentive to baiting attempts in conversations and situations.
- Don't take the bait.
- Guard your mind from evil thoughts including unwarranted anger, or belittling speech.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8 NIV