

AGAPE HOUSE OF WORSHIP MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Topic: Dramatic Life & Times of King David (4 of 4)
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I AM DAVID – VICTORIOUS WARRIOR

One of the reasons why King David has been so admired through the generations is because he was a very successful king. He consolidated the Kingdom of Israel, expanded the territory and vanquished many opponents throughout his lifetime. However we must realize that David's victorious lifestyle also meant that he often found himself in conflict/combat situations. There was even a season of his life where he was living under fear of death and hiding in various caves to escape Saul's sword. In 1 Chronicles 22:8, even God acknowledged that David's hands had shed a lot of blood. For us to enjoy the same victorious life as David, a good place to start will be to adopt David's posture. David had a warrior mentality but he was only inclined to fight in the Lord's battles...for this he constantly sought God's face.

I AM DAVID – GOD SEEKER

David was unashamedly a God-seeker! Psalm 55:17 (KJV) states *“Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice”* Similarly he prayed at midnight according to Psalm 119:62,147). David not only prayed regularly but intensely. He was eager to know the mind of the Lord and this is why the scriptures recorded that David inquired of the Lord at least 10 times in the bible:

- 1 Samuel 23:1-3
- 1 Samuel 23:4-5
- 1 Samuel 23:10-11
- 1 Samuel 23:12-14
- 1 Samuel 23:12-14
- 1 Samuel 30:8
- 2 Samuel 2:1-2
- 2 Samuel 5:17-21
- 2 Samuel 5:22-25
- 2 Samuel 21:1

A victorious life requires partnership with God to constantly seek His face simply because the more time we spend with Him, the more we imbibe His worldview. When you are on the Lord's team, we inevitably win.

Question: How can I become more of a God seeker in 2021?

I AM DAVID – GOOD SHEPHERD

- David was willing to give up his life for the sheep in his care. He demonstrated this by going after the lion and the bear just for one sheep.
- Because David had this kind of heart, God promoted him by increasing his portfolio. 2 Samuel 7:8, Psalm 78:70
- We can demonstrate this kind of heart stance by proving our faithfulness and protecting God's sheep
- One practical way of doing this is by praying for other believers and start with those closest to you. According to 1 Peter 5:8 (KJV), *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour”*

- David may have used a club or sling in the natural but he recognized that his victory was through God. In 1 Samuel 17:37, David said, “*The LORD, who delivered me from the claws of the lion and the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.*” In same way, we are equipped with powerful spiritual weapons of warfare to defend God’s sheep. “*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God...*” (2 Corinthians 10:4)
- David was discreet about what he was doing...It did not appear that his siblings knew of his exploits or perhaps they never believed him!

Question: How can I become more of a good shepherd in 2021?

I AM A DAVID – GIANT SLAYER

- David encountered Goliath in the middle of the valley of Elah. Whenever we find ourselves in a valley, we should rejoice because this stage is set for a divine victory!
- For over 40 days, Goliath was constantly taunting the Lord’s army in this valley (1 Samuel 17:17)
- David stepped into this defining moment simply by being faithful epic life changing story in the course of faithfully carrying out his daily assignments
- The first key to David’s status as a giant slayer was that He saw the situation through God’s eyes.
 - *And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? (1 Samuel 17:26)*
- David made prophetic declarations based on the word of God because he understood that the battle was first a spiritual one
 - *Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give you into our hands” (1 Samuel 17:45-47)*
 - In similar fashion we pray today knowing that according to Revelations 12:11, we overcome our adversary “*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony”*
- Just like David was rewarded handsomely, there is a reward for slaying the giant(s) in your life

Question: What giants do I need to slay before end of 2021?
