

A YOU DON=T KNOW ME LIKE THAT@**I SAMUEL 17:32-40****INTRODUCTION**

I=M QUITE SURE THAT ALL OF US HAVE HEARD THE SAYING, ACAN=T NOBODY BEAT YOU AT BEING YOURSELF.@

YOU ALWAYS GET IN TROUBLE WHEN YOU SEEK TO BE ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT GOD HAS MADE YOU TO BE.

NOBODY CAN BEAT YOU BEING YOU.

I HEARD SOMEONE SAY THAT ANOBODY=S PRAYER SHOULD BE THE SAME BECAUSE EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS A DIFFERENT NEED.@

THAT=S WHY YOU HAVE TO FIND YOUR OWN WAY TO PRAISE GOD, BECAUSE YOU ARE WHO YOU ARE;

THAT=S WHY YOU HAVE TO FIND YOUR OWN WAY TO WORSHIP, BECAUSE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS NOT LIKE ANYONE ELSE=S.

NOBODY CAN TELL YOU HOW TO PRAISE GOD BECAUSE NOBODY KNOWS WHAT IT TOOK FOR YOU, AND WHAT YOU WENT THROUGH TO GET TO HOW YOU PRAISE GOD LIKE YOU DO.

BECAUSE IF YOU KNEW WHAT I WENT THROUGH THAT LED TO WHY I PRAISE GOD, INSTEAD OF HATING, YOU WOULD JOIN IN WITH ME AND HELP ME PRAISE HIM FOR WHAT I WENT THROUGH THAT DID NOT DESTROY ME, BUT HELPED ME TO DEVELOP ME.

PAUL TILLICK, IN HIS BOOK, ATHE COURAGE TO BE@, SAYS, ATHAT THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN MY UNDERSTANDING OF WHO I AM AND MY COURAGE TO BE WHO I AM.@

HE SAYS, AYOU WILL NEVER DISCOVER COURAGE UNTIL

YOU DISCOVER WHO YOU ARE; UNTIL YOU ARE SECURE IN YOUR OWN BEING, YOU WILL NEVER DISCOVER COURAGE.

BECAUSE, WHEN WE ARE SECURE IN WHO WE ARE, WE DISCOVER THE COURAGE TO BE WHO WE ARE.@

IN OTHER WORDS, AWHEN I KNOW WHO I AM AND WHO GOD HAS MADE ME, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO INTIMIDATE ME, BECAUSE I KNOW WHO I AM, AND THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN MAKE ME AFRAID OF MYSELF.

BECAUSE, TO BE AFRAID OF MYSELF IS TO BE AFRAID OF THE GOD THAT IS IN ME, BECAUSE IT IS THE GOD THAT=S IN ME, THAT MAKES ME THE ME THAT I AM.@

TILLICK GOES ON TO SAY THAT AWHEN I DEVELOP THE COURAGE TO BE MYSELF, THEN MY COURAGE WILL MANIFEST ITSELF IN HOW I ACT AND RESPOND IN SPITE OF AN ENVIRONMENT THAT=S AGAINST MYSELF.@

HE SAYS, AWHEN YOU GET COURAGE, YOU STAND UP IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT DOESN=T LIKE WHO YOU ARE AND STILL BE WHO YOU ARE, BECAUSE YOU ARE CONTENT ENOUGH WITH WHO YOU ARE AND YOU AREN=T GOING TO CHANGE WHO YOU ARE NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE.@

YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO BE WHO YOU ARE. CAN=T NOBODY BEAT SIMMONS BEING SIMMONS.

I KNOW WHO I AM; I KNOW WHO GOD HAS MADE ME. I CAN GO AGAINST PEOPLE TRYING TO TALK ME OUT OF MY DREAMS, WHO TRY TO CONVINC ME OUT OF MY ANOINTING.

BECAUSE IF GOD SAID IT=S FOR ME, IT DOESN=T MATTER WHAT ANYONE ELSE SAYS, IT IS FOR ME.

**IT DOESN=T MATTER WHAT OTHERS TRY TO DO TO STOP ME, I CAN STAND UP IN COURAGE.
NOW, WHAT THAT MEANS IS, YOU WILL NEVER FIND**

COURAGE UNTIL YOU STAND UP AGAINST OPPOSITION.

YOU DON=T KNOW IF YOU HAVE COURAGE WHEN EVERYTHING IS GOING YOUR WAY.

BUT YOU CAN DISCOVER YOU HAVE COURAGE WHEN EVERYTHING IS AGAINST YOU.

THE SWEETEST VICTORY YOU WILL EVERY HAVE IN LIFE, IS THE VICTORY YOU GET IN THE FACE OF PEOPLE WHO SAID YOU COULD NEVER DO IT.

ONE OF THE SWEETEST VICTORY YOU WILL EVER HAVE IS WHEN GOD BLESSES YOU IN THE FACE OF THOSE WHO WISHED YOU WOULD FALL FLAT ON YOUR FACE.

GOD KEEPS YOUR ENEMIES CLOSE TO YOU BECAUSE HE WANTS TO KEEP THEM CLOSE ENOUGH TO YOU FOR THEM TO SEE WHAT A MIRACLE LOOKS LIKE.

BECAUSE IF HE DOESN=T KEEP THEM CLOSE, HE CAN=T FULFILL HIS SCRIPTURE THAT SAYS, AHE PREPARES A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES.@

NOW, SOME OF YOU ALL ARE ACTING STUCK-UP AND SITTING THERE LOOKING ALL CUTE.

AND YOU ALL LOOK GOOD TONIGHT, BUT DON=T ACT LIKE THERE HAVEN=T BEEN SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE COUNTED YOU OUT.

DON=T YOU ACT LIKE YOU DIDN=T ENJOY RUBBING IT IN THEIR FACES WHEN THE PRAISE SAID, ACAN=T NOBODY DO ME LIKE JESUS.@

THEY THOUGHT YOU WOULDN=T MAKE IT; THEY THOUGHT YOU WOULD NEVER GO BACK TO SCHOOL; THEY THOUGHT YOU WOULD NEVER BUY A HOUSE; THEY THOUGHT YOU WOULD NEVER BOUNCE BACK; BUT SINCE GOD HAS BLESSED YOU, YOU CAN ASK SOME OF THOSE SAME FOLK, AHOW DO YOU LIKE ME NOW?@

TRANSITION TO THE TEXT

I SEE TILLICK=S SUPPOSITION ABOUT COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE; ABOUT BEING CONFIDENT IN WHO YOU ARE; I SEE IT AT WORK IN THIS OLD TESTAMENT STORY.

DAVID IS SENT DOWN TO THE VALLEY BY HIS DADDY JESSIE TO CHECK ON HIS BROTHERS.

AND WHEN HE GETS DOWN THERE, HE HEARS THAT THERE IS A GIANT DOWN THERE SELLING WOLF TICKETS, WHO HAS DECIDED TO COME AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

BUT HE WAS REALLY COMING AGAINST GOD; BECAUSE WHEN YOU UNDERSTAND THEOLOGY PROPERLY, WHEN PEOPLE COME AGAINST GOD=S PEOPLE, THEY ARE NOT COMING AGAINST THE PEOPLE, THEY ARE REALLY COMING AGAINST GOD HIMSELF.

HE DID SAY, AWHATEVER YOU DO UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE MY CHILDREN, YOU DO ALSO UNTO ME.@

YOU SEE, DAVID HAD BEEN RAISED PROPERLY, AND HE KNEW WHAT IT MEANT TO HAVE SOMEBODY TO DEFY GOD.

BUT WHEN HE GETS DOWN THERE, HE IS SURPRISED HOW EVERYONE IS DRESSED FOR BATTLE, BUT THEY ARE SCARED TO FIGHT.

EVERYBODY GOT ON FIGHTING GEAR, BUT AIN=T NOBODY IN THE FIGHTING GAME.

IN FACT, JUST BEING IN THE ARMY DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU ARE READY FOR BATTLE.

YOU KNOW, THERE ARE A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE ON THE GEAR BUT THEY AIN=T READY FOR THE GAME.

THERE ARE WHOLE LOT OF FOLK WHO LOOK LIKE THEY

ARE IN THE ARMY: THEY GOT THEIR BIBLE, THEY HAVE A CROSS AROUND THEIR NECK, THEY HAVE ON THEIR AI=M SAVED@ OUTFITS, THEY COME IN HERE WITH THEIR DANCE, THEY GOT THEIR HALLELUJAH, BUT THEY AIN=T GOT NO DO-YOU-LUJAH.

THEY GOT HALLELUJAHS BUT THEY WON=T DO NOTHING IN THE CHURCH.

THEY GOT HOLY EQUIPMENT, BUT THEY AREN=T EQUIPPED TO DO WARFARE.

THERE ARE A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE WITH THEIR WEAPONS, BUT THEY ARE STILL WIMPS.

AND GOD IS SAYING, AI=M TRIED OF LOOKING AT AN ARMY FULL OF FOLK WHO HAVE ALL THE GEAR FOR WARFARE, BUT ARE TOO SCARED TO BATTLE WITH THE ENEMY.

GOD IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD SOLDIERS WHO ARE READY TO DO WARFARE; WHO CAN LOOK THE ENEMY IN THE FACE AND TELL HIM, AYOU CAN=T HAVE MY CHURCH.@

AYOU CANT HAVE MY HOUSE; YOU CAN=T HAVE MY MARRIAGE; YOU CAN=T HAVE MY FAMILY, YOU CAN=T HAVE MY MONEY, YOU CAN=T HAVE MY BODY, YOU CAN=T HAVE MY JOY, COME ON SATAN, I=M READY TO RUMBLE.@

AND SO WHEN DAVID GOT DOWN THERE, HE SAID, AWHY ARE YOU ALL DRESSED UP LIKE YOU ARE READY TO FIGHT, BUT YOU ARE RUNNING AROUND LIKE YOU ARE SCARED?@

SO DAVID DECIDED THAT NOBODY WAS GOING TO TREAT HIS GOD IRREVERENTLY.

SO DAVID GOES TO KING SAUL AND SAYS, AKING, DON=T WORRY, I=M GOING TO HANDLE THIS.

THERE IS NO NEED FOR NOBODY TO BE SCARED, I=M GOING DOWN THERE AND I=M GOING TO FIGHT THIS GIANT!

SAUL GIVES DAVID HIS BLESSING, BUT THEN SAUL MAKES A MISTAKE.

HE DECIDES THAT IF DAVID IS GOING TO WIN THIS FIGHT, HE HAS TO DRESS LIKE HIM.

SAUL DECIDES THAT IF DAVID IS GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL, HE HAS GOT TO BE SAUL AND NOT BE DAVID.

SO HE PUTS HIS ARMOR ON DAVID BECAUSE SAUL BELIEVES THAT THE ONLY WAY DAVID CAN WIN IS FOR DAVID TO ACT LIKE HIM.

ISN'T IT FUNNY HOW YOU NOT ONLY HAVE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO TRY TO DEFINE YOU, BUT WANT TO LABEL AND JUDGE YOU BASED ON WHAT THEY FEEL AND WHAT THEY THINK YOU CAN AND CAN NOT DO.

NOW, THIS SERMON IS NOT ABOUT SAUL, IT IS ABOUT DAVID.

YOU SEE, IF YOU ARE NOT CONTENT WITH WHO YOU ARE, YOU WILL ALLOW OTHERS WHO ARE NOT LIKE YOU, MAKE YOU BE UNLIKE YOURSELF, BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT CONTENT ENOUGH WITH YOURSELF TO BE YOURSELF, AND KNOW THAT IT'S ALRIGHT TO BE YOURSELF.

SO WHAT YOU DO IS, YOU CHANGE YOURSELF BASED UPON THE SELF OTHERS WANT YOU TO BE, INSTEAD OF MAKING THEM ACCEPT WHO YOU REALLY ARE.

IF YOU ARE NOT CONTENT WITH WHO YOU ARE, YOU CHANGE WHO YOU ARE DEPENDING UPON WHO YOU ARE AROUND.

SOME OF YOU IN HERE RIGHT NOW, DEPENDING UPON WHO YOU ARE AROUND, YOU START TALKING PROPER.

DEPENDING UPON WHO YOU ARE AROUND: YOU WON'T SHOUT, YOU WON'T SAY HALLELUJAH.

BUT YOU BETTER TAKE A LESSON FROM DAVID: DAVID SAID KING, YOUR ARMOR IS NICE, I KNOW IT=S SOLID BRASS, I=M GLAD YOU AND I ARE COOL, BUT “YOU DON=T KNOW ME LIKE THAT.”

DAVID SAID, I DON=T NEED TO BE YOU IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

I DON=T NEED TO BE YOU I ORDER TO HAVE WHAT GOD HAS FOR ME.

MY BROTHERS AND MY SISTERS, YOU HAVE GOT TO REACH A POINT WHERE YOU CAN TELL PEOPLE, ADON=T TRY TO DEFINE ME BASED ON WHAT YOU THINK YOU KNOW ABOUT ME, OR BASED ON YOUR LIKES OR DISLIKES, OR BASED ON YOUR SET OF RULES, BECAUSE, “YOU DON=T KNOW ME THAT.”

YOU CAN=T FIGURE ME OUT BASED ON WHAT I=VE GOT ON, BASED ON HOW MY HAIR LOOKS, BASED ON WHAT KIND OF CAR I DRIVE, BASED ON WHAT KIND OF HOUSE I LIVE IN, BECAUSE, “YOU DON=T KNOW ME LIKE THAT.”

DON=T YOU MAKE JUDGMENTS ABOUT ME BASED ON WHAT YOU SEE; YOU BETTER FIND OUT SOMETHING ABOUT ME.

DON=T YOU TELL ME WHO I AM OR WHAT I AM, OR WHAT I CAN OR CANNOT DO, OR WHERE I CAN GO, OR WHAT I CAN OR CANNOT BECOME, OR WHAT I NEVER WILL ACCOMPLISH, BECAUSE, “YOU DON=T KNOW ME LIKE THAT.”

YOU OUGHT TO TELL SOMEBODY, AI KNOW YOU THINK YOU KNOW ME, BUT YOU DON=T HAVE ANY IDEA.@

I KNOW WHO I AM. AND GUESS WHAT I AM, AI AM WHAT I AM BY THE GRACE OF GOD.@

WELL, SIMMONS, HOW DO I REACH THE POINT WHERE I NO LONGER ALLOW PEOPLE TO TELL ME WHO I AM?

HOW DO I BECOME CONTENT ENOUGH WITH ME THAT I

BECOME SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE BASED ON WHO I AM?

HOW DO I MATURE TO THE POINT THAT I DON=T LET OTHER PEOPLE DRESS ME IN THEIR STUFF?

BECAUSE SOME OF Y=ALL NEED TO UNDRRESS FOR SUCCESS., BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN DRESSING LIKE SOMEBODY YOU=RE NOT.

THIS TEXT IS TAILORED TO TEACH US THREE THINGS:

I. THE FIRST THING THAT THE TEXT IS TAILORED TO TEACH US ATO STOP LISTENING TO FIRED FOLK.@

A. DAVID SAID IN THE TEXT, ALET NOBODY=S HEART FAIL BECAUSE OF THIS GIANT.@

- 1. SAUL SAID, AYOU CAN=T DEAL WITH THIS GIANT, YOU ARE JUST A BOY.@**
- 2. HOW DOES SAUL COME TO THAT CONCLUSION? BY LOOKING AT HIM.**
- 3. HE CONCLUDED SOMETHING ABOUT DAVID BASED ON WHAT THE NAKED EYE COULD SEE.**
- 4. HE THOUGHT THAT WHAT DAVID WAS AND WHAT DAVID HAD TO OFFER WAS DETERMINED AND DEFINED BY WHAT HE COULD SEE WHEN HE LOOKED AT DAVID.**
- 5. SO HE TRIED TO SUM UP DAVID=S POTENTIAL BY CALCULATING ONLY WHAT HE COULD SEE.**
- 6. AND SAUL SAID, AWHEN I LOOK AT YOU DAVID, THERE IS NOTHING I SEE ABOUT YOU THAT MAKES ME THINK THAT YOU CAN DO THIS WITHOUT LOOKING LIKE ME.**

7. BECAUSE WHEN I LOOK AT YOU, ALL I SEE IS A BOY.

8. SO IF YOU GO DOWN THERE WITHOUT MY STUFF, YOU AIN=T GOING TO MAKE IT.

B. HOW MANY OF Y=ALL KNOW SOME PEOPLE WHO LOOK AT YOU AND LOOK AT YOUR LIFE, AND THEY MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN AND WHAT YOU CANNOT DO.

1. THEY SAW THAT YOU WERE RAISED BY A SINGLE PARENT;

2. THEY SAW THAT YOU WERE RAISED UP IN A BAD NEIGHBORHOOD;

3. THEY SAW THAT YOU DIDN=T MAKE GOOD GRADES IN SCHOOL;

4. THEY SAW THAT YOU GOT PREGNANT AS A TEENAGER.

5. THEY SAW THAT YOU STRUGGLED WITH YOUR SEXUALITY;

6. THEY SAW THAT YOU WERE A CRACK-HEAD;

7. THEY SAW THAT YOU WENT THROUGH A DIVORCE;

8. AND THEY CONCLUDED THAT GOD COULD NOT BLESS YOU BASED ON WHAT THEY SAW.

C. BUT HERE IS THE PROBLEM: SAUL CAN=T SEE BEYOND WHAT THE NAKED EYE CAN SEE, BECAUSE IF YOU GO BACK A FEW CHAPTERS, YOU WILL FIND OUT THAT GOD HAS FIRED SAUL AND SNATCHED HIS ANOINTING AWAY FROM HIS LIFE.

1. **AND WHEN YOU ARE DEALING WITH FOLK WHO ARE NOT ANOINTED, THEY CAN=T SEE BEYOND WHAT THE EYE CAN SEE.**
2. **Y=ALL BETTER STOP DEALING WITH FIRED FOLK.**
3. **LOOT AT SAUL: HE LOOKS GOOD, HE=S GOT THE POSITION, HE=S GOT THE MONEY, HE=S A SHOT-CALLER, BUT HE AIN=T GOT NO ANOINTING.**
4. **GOD HAS SNATCHED THE ANOINTING FROM HIM.**
5. **GOD HAS FIRED HIM FROM THE JOB.**
6. **GOD HAS TAKEN FROM HIM WHAT IS NEEDED TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO BE DISCERNING AND PERCEPTIVE.**
7. **BECAUSE YOU CAN=T HAVE DISCERNMENT WITHOUT ANOINTING.**
8. **YOU CAN=T HAVE PERSPECTIVE WITHOUT ANOINTING.**
9. **I KNOW WE DON=T LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE ANOINTING THAT MUCH IN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, BUT YOU KNOW SOMETHING, I=M A BAPTIST, AND I BELIEVE IN THE ANOINTING.**
 - a. **I=VE FOUND OUT THAT IT=S NOT THE NAME OF THE CHURCH, BUT IT IS THE ANOINTING THAT BREAKS THE YOKE.**
 - b. **THE ANOINTING WILL GIVE YOU**

SPIRITUAL VISION.

- c. THE ANOINTING WILL HELP YOU TO SEE DEMONS.**
- d. THE ANOINTING WILL EMPOWER YOU TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY.**
- e. THE ANOINTING WILL GIVE YOU POWER.**

1. SAUL CAN=T SEE NOTHING BECAUSE HE=S FIRED.

- a. THE REASON WHY SAUL COULDN=T SEE ALL THAT DAVID HAD TO OFFER IS BECAUSE HE HAD NO ANOINTING.**

D. Y=ALL AIN=T GOING TO LIKE THIS, BUT SOME OF Y=ALL GOT SOME FIRED FOLK IN YOUR LIFE.

- 1. THEY MAY LOOK GOOD.**
- 2. THEY LOOK LIKE THEY GOT IT ALL TOGETHER.**
- 3. THEY=VE GOT MONEY IN THE BANK.**
- 4. THEY GOT A NICE RIDE; THEY ARE ROLLING ON 20'S.**
- 5. THEY TALK A GOOD GAME, THEY ARE THE MACK-DADDY, THEY GOT THE MACK-DADDY LIVES TOGETHER.**
- 6. BUT THE PROBLEM IS, THEY DON=T HAVE NO ANOINTING IN THEIR LIFE.**
- 7. AND WHEN THEY HAVE NO ANOINTING, THEY CAN=T SEE BEYOND WHAT YOUR BODY HAS TO OFFER.**
- 8. YOUNG LADIES, BECAUSE THAT YOUNG MAN IS NOT ANOINTED, THAT=S WHY HE WANTS YOU**

FOR YOUR PARTS AND NOT YOUR PERSON.

a. THAT=S WHY HE CAN TOUCH YOUR BODY, BUT HE CAN=T TOUCH YOUR SPIRIT.

9. MAYBE SOMEBODY IN HERE NEED TO GO HOME AND MAKE A PHONE CALL, AND SAY, AGUESS WHAT BABY, I=VE GOT TO LET YOU GO UNTIL YOU CAN GET SOME ANOINTING.@

a. BECAUSE I=M MORE THAT A BODY, I=M A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY AND ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD.@

b. ABECAUSE I HAVE AN ANOINTING ON MY LIFE.@

c. YES, TELL THAT NEGRO, AI=M GOING SOMEWHERE, AND UNTIL YOU CAN SEE BEYOND MY BODY, YOU CAN=T HAVE ME.@

10. STOP DEALING WITH FIRED FOLK, BECAUSE WHEN THEY ARE FIRED, THEY CAN=T SEE THE POWER OF GOD IN YOU.

a. THEY CAN=T SEE THE HAND OF GOD UPON YOU.

b. THEY CAN=T SEE THE FAVOR OF GOD ALL AROUND YOU.

c. THEY CAN=T SEE THE ANOINTING OF GOD IN YOU.

11. YOU NEED TO GET RID OF FIRED FOLK, BECAUSE WHEN YOU PUT THEIR STUFF ON, YOU=RE PUTTING ON UN-ANOINTED STUFF.

- a. GET SOME PEOPLE AROUND YOU WHO CAN ENCOURAGE YOU.
- b. GET SOME PEOPLE AROUND YOU WHO CAN TELL YOU THAT I KNOW THAT YOU CAN MAKE IT.
- c. I KNOW THAT YOU CAN DO IT.
- d. I KNOW THAT YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE.
- e. I KNOW THAT YOU CAN BE THE MAN OR WOMAN THAT GOD WANTS YOU TO BE.
- f. ASK GOD TO PUT SOME ANOINTED FOLK IN YOUR LIFE.

12. GET AWAY FROM THOSE NEGATIVE NEGROES.

13. I DON=T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I=M TRIED OF FOLK NOT KNOWING WHO I AM.

- a. I=M TIRED OF FOLK SPEAKING AGAINST ME.
- b. I=M TIRED OF FOLK LOOKING AT ME AND TRYING TO DETERMINE WHAT I=VE GOT BY HOW I=M DRESSING.
- c. I=M TIRED OF FOLK TELLING ME WHAT I CAN AND CANNOT DO.
- d. TELL THEM FIRED NEGROES, AI CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENS ME.@

II. THE SECOND THING THE TEXT IS TAILORED TO TEACH US IS, ADON=T MESS WITH FOLK WHO MAKES AN OUTSIDE OR EXTERNAL INDICTMENT

**WITHOUT AN INSIDE OR INTERNAL
INVESTIGATION.**

- A. DON=T DEAL WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE UNINFORMED ABOUT YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY.**
- 1. WATCH SAUL NOW: SAUL SAID, A DAVID, GOLIATH HAS BEEN A WARRIOR SINCE HE WAS BOY.**
 - 2. IN OTHER WORDS, DAVID I KNOW HIS HISTORY.**
 - 3. I KNOW THAT HE HAS BEEN FIGHTING SINCE HE WAS THE AGE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW.**
 - 4. I KNOW HIS TRACK RECORD, AND DAVID YOU DON=T HAVE NOTHING IN YOUR RECORD TO SUGGEST YOU CAN MATCH THIS GIANT.**
- B. BUT THERE WAS NOTHING IN DAVID=S RECORD AS FAR AS SAUL KNEW.**
- 1. BUT JUST BECAUSE HE DIDN=T KNOW, DOESN=T MEAN IT=S NOT THERE.**
 - 2. BUT NOTICE THAT AT THIS POINT, DAVID DOESN=T GET HYSTERICAL, BUT HE GETS HISTORICAL.**
 - 3. SOME TIMES WHEN PEOPLE SPEAK AGAINST US, WE GET HYSTERICAL.**
 - a. YES WE DO. EVEN CHRISTIANS GET HYSTERICAL.**
 - b. DON=T Y=ALL LOOK AT ME FUNNY, SOME OF Y=ALL HAVE CURSE SOME NEGROES OUT WHEN THEY STEP TO YOU THE WRONG WAY.**

4. **DON=T GET HYSTERICAL, BECAUSE WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN WALKING WITH GOD, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GET HISTORICAL.**
5. **DAVID STARTS TO GIVE THE LOW DOWN TO SAUL ABOUT HIS TRACK RECORD THAT SAUL DON=T KNOW NOTHING ABOUT.**
 - a. **DAVID SAID, A WHEN I WAS KEEPING MY FATHER=S SHEEP, AND A BEAR AND A LION CAME AND TOOK ONE OF MY DADDY=S SHEEP, I SLEW THEM BOTH;**
 - b. **AND THE SAME GOD THAT EMPOWERED ME THEN WILL EMPOWER ME TO SLAY THIS GIANT GOLIATH@.**
6. **I HOPE THAT Y=ALL ARE GETTING THIS:**
 - a. **BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT AIN=T WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT YOURSELF, OR WHAT OTHER FOLK KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT IT=S WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT GOD.**
 - b. **THAT=S WHY IT=S GOOD TO HAVE GOOD THEOLOGY, BECAUSE WHEN YOU HAVE GOOD THEOLOGY, YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE GOD YOU SERVE.**

C. NOW SAUL KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT DAVID.

1. **HE KNEW THAT DAVID WAS THE SON OF JESSIE.**
2. **HE KNEW THAT DAVID WAS A SHEPHERD BOY.**
3. **HE EVEN KNEW DAVID WAS A WORSHIPER.**
 - a. **BECAUSE REMEMBER IN CHAPTER 16,**

DAVID TOOK THE JOB AS THE ARMOR BEARER, SO THAT WHENEVER DEMONS GOT ON SAUL, DAVID WORSHIPED THEM AWAY FROM HIM.

4. HE KNEW DAVID WAS A SINGER.

5. HE KNEW SOME THINGS ABOUT DAVID, BUT JUST BECAUSE HE KNEW SOME THINGS ABOUT DAVID, DID NOT GIVE HIM THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHAT DAVID COULD OR COULD NOT DO.

D. YOUR NEIGHBORS KNOW SOME THINGS ABOUT YOU.

1. BUT IT'S NOT WHAT THEY KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT IT'S WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT YOU AND GOD.

2. BECAUSE SAUL DIDN'T KNOW SOME THINGS ABOUT DAVID.

a. HE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE STRUGGLES GOD HAD BROUGHT HIM THROUGH.

b. HE DIDN'T KNOW THE BATTLES DAVID HAD ALREADY WON.

c. HE DIDN'T KNOW THE VICTORIES GOD HAD ALREADY GIVEN DAVID.

3. HONEY, DON'T JUDGE ME BY THE THINGS YOU KNOW ABOUT ME, BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW.

a. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY BROUGHT ME THROUGH.

- b. **YOU DON=T KNOW WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY DONE FOR ME.**
 - c. **YOU DON=T KNOW HOW GOD HAS DRIED MY TEARS.**
 - d. **YOU DON=T KNOW HOW GOD GAVE ME A JOB WITHOUT THE TRAINING.**
 - e. **YOU DON=T KNOW HOW I GOT A CAR AND DIDN=T HAVE NO MONEY TO PUT DOWN.**
 - f. **YOU DON=T KNOW HOW HE GAVE ME HOUSE WITH BAD CREDIT.**
 - g. **YOU DON=T KNOW HOW HE HELPED ME SURVIVE MY DIVORCE.**
- E. SO BEFORE YOU TELL ME WHAT I CAN AND CANNOT DO, LET ME GIVE YOU MY TRACK RECORD.**
- 1. AND MY TRACK RECORD IS:**

**THRU MANY DANGEROUS TOILS AND SNARES,
I HAVE ALREADY COME.
IT WAS GRACE THAT BROUGHT ME SAFE THIS FAR
AND GRACE WILL LEAD ME HOME.**
 - 2. SO DON=T GET HYSTERICAL, GET HISTORICAL.**
 - 3. JUST LOOK BACK OVER YOUR LIFE, AND THINK THINGS OVER, YOU WILL SEE EVERYTHING THAT GOD HAS ALREADY DONE FOR YOU.**
 - 4. AND SINCE GOD IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOR EVER MORE, IF HE FOUGHT FOR ME THEN, HE WILL FIGHT FOR ME RIGHT**

NOW.

5. **YOU SEE, WHEN FOLK START TALKING ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN=T DO, AND WHY YOU ACT LIKE YOU ACT.**
 - a. **JUST LOOK AT THEM AND SAY, A YOU KNOW WHAT? THE REASON YOU CAN=T UNDERSTAND WHY I ACT LIKE I ACT, AND WHY I SHOUT LIKE I SHOUT, AND WHY I RUN LIKE I RUN, AND WHY I CRY LIKE I CRY, AND WHY I JUMP LIKE I JUMP, AND WHY I HOLLOW LIKE I HOLLOW IS BECAUSE YOU HAVEN=T FACED WHAT I=VE FACED.**
 - b. **BECAUSE IF YOU KNEW MY STORY, IF YOU FACED WHAT I FACED, THEN YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND MY WORSHIP.**
6. **YOU SEE, YOU DON=T KNOW MY TRACK RECORD.**
7. **YOU SEE, I=M A REFERENCE ON GOD=S RESUME.**
 - a. **WHEN GOD WANTS MEN TO KNOW THAT HE CAN TAKE A NOBODY, AND PICK THEM UP OUT OF THE MUCK AND THE MIRE, AND DUST THEM OFF AND MAKE A PREACHER OUT OF THEM, HE SAYS, JUST LOOK AT PERRY SIMMONS.**
 - b. **THAT=S RIGHT, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW AWESOME GOD IS, YOU DON=T HAVE TO ASK ABRAHAM, ISAAC OR JACOB, YOU CAN JUST ASK PERRY SIMMONS, AND I CAN TELL YOU, AHE=S ALRIGHT.@**

c. I CAN TELL YOU THAT HE IS ABLE TO EXCEEDINGLY, ABUNDANTLY, ABOVE ALL THAT I ASK, ALL I THAT I THINK.

8. LISTEN, DON=T DEAL WITH FIRED FOLK, DON=T MESS WITH FOLK WHO MAKE AN EXTERNAL, OUTSIDE INDICTMENT, WITHOUT AN INTERNAL OR INSIDE INVESTIGATION.

III. THE THIRD THING THE TEXT IS TAILORED TO TEACH US IS AYOU=VE GOT TO KNOW WHAT=S IN YOUR BAG.

A. THE BIBLE SAYS THAT DAVID TAKES SAUL=S STUFF OFF, BECAUSE IT DOESN=T FIT HIM.

1. DAVID SAID, ASAUL, I CAN=T BE YOU.

2. VERSES 48-51 SAYS AAND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN THE PHILISTINE AROSE, AND CAME AND DREW NIGN TO MEET DAVID, THAT DAVID HASTED, AND RAN TOWARD THE ARMY TO MEET THE PHILISTINE. AND DAVID PUT HIS HAND IN HIS BAG, AND TOOK THENCE A STONE, AND SLANG IT, AND SMOTE THE PHILISTINE IN HIS FOREHEAD, THAT THE STONE SUNK INTO HIS FOREHEAD; AND HE FELL UPON HIS FACE TO THE EARTH. SO DAVID PREVAILED OVER THE PHILISTINE WITH A SLING AND A STONE, AND SMOTE THE PHILISTINE AND SLEW HIM; BUT THERE WAS NO SWORD IN THE HAND OF DAVID. THEREFORE DAVID RAN, AND STOOD UPON THE PHILISTINE, AND TOOK HIS SWORD, AND DREW IT OUT OF THE SHEATH THEREOF, AND SLEW HIM, AND CUT OFF HIS HEAD THEREWITH. AND WHEN THE PHILISTINES SAW THEIR CHAMPION WAS DEAD, THEY FLED.@

3. NOW, THE ORIGINAL HEBREW TEXT READS DIFFERENTLY.

- a. IN THE ORIGINAL HEBREW TEXT, VERSE 51 READ THIS WAY, ASO HE STOOD OVER HIM, TOOK OUT A SWORD, AND KILLED HIM AND CUT HIS HEAD OFF.**
- b. LISTEN NOW, THE STONE DIDN=T REALLY KILL HIM.**
- c. AND IF THE STONE DIDN=T REALLY KILL HIM, MY QUESTION IS, AWHAT DID THE STONE REALLY DO?@**
- d. GOLIATH WAS BIGGER THAN DAVID, BUT WHEN HE HIT HIM WITH THE STONE, THAT BROUGHT GOLIATH DOWN TO DAVID=S SIZE.**
- e. SO WHAT WAS BIGGER THAN HIM, BECAME MANAGEABLE.**
- f. THE GIANT WAS OVER HIM, BUT THE STONE BROUGHT HIM BENEATH HIM.**
- g. WHICH MEAN THAT THE STONE PUT THE GIANT UNDER HIS FEET.**

4. GOD IS SAYING, YOU HAVE TO USE YOUR STONE TO BRING YOUR GIANTS UNDER YOUR FEET.

- a. YOU CAN BRING YOUR GIANTS DOWN WITH YOUR STONE OF WORSHIP.**
- b. YOU CAN BRING HIM DOWN WITH A STONE OF PRAYER.**
- c. YOU CAN BRING HIM DOWN WITH A STONE OF FAITH.**

d. YOU CAN BRING HIM DOWN WITH A STONE OF PRAISE.

5. BUT THEN, YOU=VE GOT TO TAKE OUT THE SWORD IF YOU ARE GOING TO KILL THE GIANT.
6. YOU NEED A STONE IN ONE HAND AND A SWORD IN THE OTHER HAND.
7. SO WHEN YOUR GIANT IS BIGGER THAN YOU, YOU CAN JUST SHOUT LOUD, AND BRING IT DOWN TO SIZE.
8. BUT YOU=VE GOT TO KILL IT WITH THE SWORD.

B. YOU MIGHT SAY, SIMMONS, WHAT IS THE SWORD. A NO WEAPON FORMED AGAINST ME SHALL PROSPER.@

1. THE WORD OF GOD IS YOUR SWORD.

CONCLUSION

A. I= M CLOSING HERE, BUT NOTICE, DAVID ONLY NEEDED AND USED ONE STONE, SO WHY DID HE HAVE FIVE STONES?

1. WELL, IF YOU KEEP ON READING YOUR BIBLE, YOU WILL FIND OUT THAT GOLIATH HAD FOUR BROTHERS. AND THEY ARE FOUR MORE PROBLEM THAT LOOK LIKE GOLIATH WAITING IN THE WINGS.
1. SO GOD GAVE HIM MORE ON RESERVE TO HANDLE WHAT HE DIDN=T KNOW WAS WAITING TO TAKE HIM OUT.

- B. AND I=AM GLAD THAT I KNOW WHAT=IS IN THE BAG TODAY. YOU=VE GOT FIVE STONES.**
- 1. YOU=VE GOT ONE THING YOU=VE ALREADY DWELT WITH.**
 - 2. BUT YOU=VE GOT SOME MORE THINGS THAT ARE WAITING ON YOU.**
 - 3. BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, IT=IS ALL IN THE BAG.**
- C. I WANT TO WALK IN THE FAME JUST LIKE DAVID.**
- 1. DAVID HAD FIVE ROCKS, BUT ALL I NEED IS ONE ROCK.**
 - 2. AND WHEN I THROW MY ONE ROCK, DEMONS GET TO RUNNING.**
 - 3. WHEN I THROW MY ONE ROCK, MY JOY GETS RESTORED.**
- D. DO YOU KNOW WHAT MY ROCK IS?**
- 1. MY ROCK IS ALL MY TRUST.**
 - 2. HIS NAME IS SO SWEET I KNOW.**
 - 3. MY ROCK IS JESUS. HE'S THE ONE**
 - 4. DO YOU KNOW JESUS?**
 - 5. DO YOU KNOW HIM FOR YOURSELF?**
 - 6. JESUS, HE DIED FOR YOU.**
 - 7. JESUS, HE WAS BURIED FOR YOU.**
 - 8. BUT EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, HE GOT UP FOR YOU.**

9. **AND THAT SAME JESUS, WHO GOT UP FOR ME SUNDAY MORNING, HE WALKS WITH ME, HE TALKS WITH ME.**
10. **AND BECAUSE I=M WALKING WITH HIM, I=M ABOUT TO WALK IN MY SEASON.**
11. **AND IF ANYTHING GETS IN MY WAY, I=M JUST GOING TO THROW MY ROCK, AND HE PROMISED THAT HE WOULD NEVER LEAVE ME.**
12. **HE PROMISED, THAT HE WOULD BE EVERYTHING THAT I NEED.**
13. **AND I FOUND OUT THAT WHATEVER I NEED, GOD=S GOT IT.**
14. **HE=S EVERYTHING I NEED.**
15. **HE=S EVERYTHING I=VE EVER WANTED.**
16. **WHEN I GET SICK, HE WILL BE MY DOCTOR.**
17. **WHEN I=M BY MYSELF, HE=S A FRIEND FOR ME.**
18. **WHEN MY BACK WAS AGAINST THE WALL, HE STEP RIGHT IN, AND MADE A WAY FOR ME.**
19. **THE DEVIL COUNTED ME OUT, BUT I TOLD THE DEVIL, AYOU DON=T KNOW ME LIKE THAT.@
AGREATER IN HE THAT IS WITHIN ME, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD.@**

YES....YES...YES...SAY YES..OH YES.... 'YOU DON=T KNOW ME LIKE THAT....'

