

Series: David, Jesus and Me
Title: The Need For A Hero
Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:55 – 18:9
Speaker: Randy Pope
Date: 1 November 2009

2 - 9/11 pictures

Todd Beamer picture

Responsive Reading

Leader
55 Now when Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this young man?" And Abner said, "By your life, O king, I do not know."

Congregation:
56 And the king said, "You inquire whose son the youth is."
57 So when David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the Philistine's head in his hand.

Leader:
58 And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

Congregation:
1 Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself.

Leader:
2 And Saul took him that day and did not let him return to his father's house.
3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

Congregation:
4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt.

Leader:
5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and prospered; and Saul set him over the men of war. And it was pleasing in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

Congregation:
6 And it happened as they were coming, when David returned from killing the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy and with musical instruments.

Leader:

7 *And the women sang as they played, and said, "Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands."*

Congregation:

8 *Then Saul became very angry, for this saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?"*

9 *And Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day on.*

1. Three Responses To David's Heroism.

1.1 The Masses Were Enamored With David And Thus Worshipped Him.

1 Samuel 18:7

⁷ The women sang as they played, and said, "Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands."

1.2 Saul Was Envious And Thus Hated Him.

1 Samuel 18:8-9

⁸ Then Saul became very angry, for this saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?"

⁹ Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day on.

1.3 Jonathan Was Entrusted To David And Thus Served Him.

1 Samuel 18:1

¹ Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself.

1 Samuel 18:3-4

³ Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

⁴ Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt.

2. Four Observations

2.1 Man Cannot Live Without A Hero.

2.2 Masses want a hero and can't find one that satisfies.

OJ Simpson pictures

Pete Rose pictures

Michael Phelps pictures

John F. Kennedy pictures

2.3 The Elite want to be the hero, but they cannot become one.

2.4 Christ Alone Is The Only Hero Who Both Rescues And Satisfies.

Hebrews 12:2

² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.