

David the Warrior

I Am David - Lessons in Greatness - Week 1

1 Samuel 13:14 “But now your kingdom must end, for the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart. The Lord has already appointed him to be the leader of his people because you have not kept the Lord’s command.”

Every person . . .

. . . has God-placed seeds of _____ within them.

. . . is fallible

. . . faces obstacles, _____, and setbacks.

#1: _____ *is achieved on the battlefield.*

I. David’s Rise to Greatness

A. A warrior _____ in his father’s sheepfold

1 Samuel 17:34 - 37 David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said. “When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. ³⁶ I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! ³⁷ The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!

B. David fought Goliath when _____ trembled.

1 Samuel 17: 8-11; Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. “Why are you all coming out to fight?” he called. “I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! ⁹ If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! ¹⁰ I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!” ¹¹ When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken. (See 1 Samuel 17:22-26)

C. David’s greatness was _____ on the battlefield

See 1 Samuel 17:41-47 ⁴⁷ Everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord’s battle, and he will give you to us!”

II. David’s _____ from Greatness

2 Samuel 11:1-9, 14-15; ^{2b}As he looked out over the city, he noticed a woman of unusual beauty taking a bath. ³ He sent someone to find out who she was, and he was told, “She is Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.” ⁴ Then David sent messengers to get her; and when she came to the palace, he slept with her. ^{15b} Station Uriah on the front lines where the battle is fiercest. Then pull back so that he will be killed.”

III. Why did David stay home from this battle?

A. He believed success _____ him the right to rest.

Genesis 1:28 Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

(See Revelation 1:5-6; Luke 10:19; Ephesians 6:10-13)

The secret of peace and rest is _____

B. He saw Bathsheba; _____ an opportunity.

See 2 Samuel 11; 12:10-11; 12:14; Ch 15

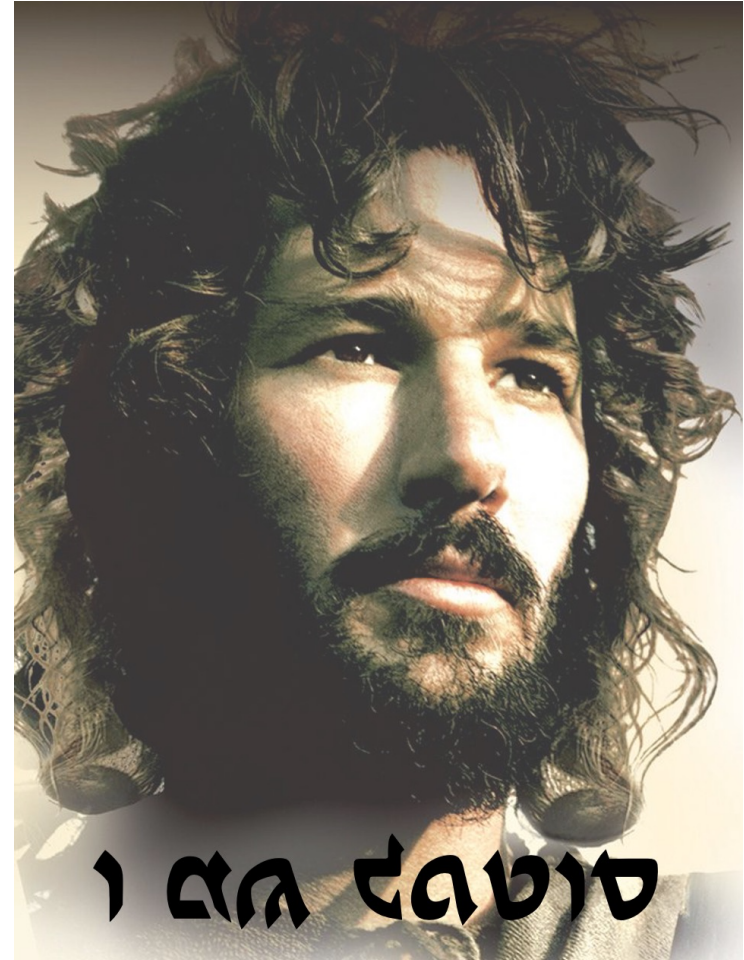
C. He lost his _____ for the battle (fear). Hebrews 11:6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

Regardless of the reason . . .

D. David’s _____ to _____ stopped the minute he withdrew from the battlefield.

E. The real _____: We’re not *in* the battle.

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<i>I Am David - Truths about Greatness</i>	
David the Warrior	Greatness comes from the battlefield
David: Warrior 2	Great people own mistakes, becoming greater through them
David the Worshiper	David was the most expressive, extravagant king in his love for God.
David: Worshiper 2	Worship manifests God's presence and power in our lives.
David: Wounded Son	While David is a man after God's heart, he is a terrible father.
David: Wounded Son	Great people rise above their past pain to reach their God-given destiny.
David the Winner	Anyone could do what David did, if they thought like David thought.
David the Winner 2	David's secret to victory was not in how he fought; it was how he thought.
David: Waiting King 1	Great people are exalted by God when they humble themselves under God's direct and delegated authority.
David: Waiting King 2	Four Tests of Submission to Authority
David: Whisper of Pride	David actions revealed arrogance and a break from trust and loyalty to God.
I Am David - Finale	Eight Truths about Greatness

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