The Faith Warrior

Tony Mauck · 1 Samuel 17:33–37

INTRODUCTION

- As we read the Old Testament and encounter the military conquests made by the Lord's people and specific individuals, what may be overlooked is the role that faith played in their success.
- Perhaps the Lord will work for us. For the Lord is not restrained to save by many or by few.
- But all of these exploits have faith written all over them. They were confident in God as they faced their adversary.

1 He Will Deliver Me From This Philistine

1 Samuel 17:33–37

- Then Saul said to David, You are not able to go against the Philistine to fight with him. For you are but a youth.
- Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear, and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God.
- He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Go, and may the Lord be with you.
- And so just as God had provided his victory against the lion and the bear, he is confident that God now will provide Goliath into his hand, and the victory will belong to him and God's people Israel.

2 The Power That Works Within Us

Ephesians 3:20; 2 Corinthians 4:7; 1 Thessalonians 2:13

- Exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or even think according to the power that works within us.
- We have this treasure in earthen vessels. That the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves.
- Salvation is based upon faith. Faith is about dependence and trust. We are dependent upon him.
- The word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

3 The Nature of Our Warfare

2 Corinthians 10:4–5; 2 Timothy 3:5; Genesis 4:7

- The weapons of our warfare are not carnal.
- We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God. And we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.
- He's going to encourage you to not think spiritual thoughts. He wants to discourage you from thinking that this message is what you need to govern your life.

- So the devil is trying to encourage us to love the world excessively.
- That is sin crouching at the door, and its desire is for you.

4 Develop the Mind of Christ

Philippians 2:5; Mark 6:34; 1 Peter 2:11

- Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ.
- There was an unwavering devotion to the Father.
- There was genuine compassion for people. He saw them as sheep without a shepherd, so he taught them many things.
- And so, whatever it took, Jesus was serving others. What others? All others.
- He saw his life here as temporary.

5 A Confidence in His Will, Not My Own

Romans 12:1–2; 1 Corinthians 13:4–7; Matthew 5:48

- That's being a faith warrior. As David was. And that involves finally a confidence in his will, not my own.
- Whose will do you have confidence in most? Yours or his.
- Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
- You prove it to yourself. Or it's proven as you implement it in your life.
- That's where I'm going, regardless of what others do.

THE CHALLENGE

Is your life in sync with God's purposes?

MY NOTES