



secret weapons

Attitude

1 Samuel 17:17-26

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PASSIONATE PEOPLE CARRY OUT SMALL ASSIGNMENTS WITH A EAGER SPIRIT. Before David fought Goliath, he had no idea of the magnitude of the assignment he would soon undertake. David was simply running an errand for his father. Obeying his father, he set out early in the morning to deliver bread and cheese to his brothers. When he got there, he ran to the battle lines to see how his brothers were doing. By obeying his smallest assignments with such a willing heart, David found himself in front of Goliath, in position to be used by God in a greater way than he could have imagined.

PASSIONATE PEOPLE MUST GUARD THEIR STRENGTH, OR IT WILL BECOME A DOUBLE WEAKNESS. Many years after David fought Goliath, he prayed in Psalm 51:12 that God would restore a pure heart and grant a willing spirit within him. He said this after committing adultery with Bathsheba. The same passion that gave David the confidence to fight Goliath was the same impulse that later caused him to act on his sinful desires. It's important to consciously channel our passions to be used in the right ways, without allowing them to detract from our ability to enjoy the lives God has given us.

PASSIONATE PEOPLE INTERPRET INTIMIDATION AS AN INVITATION. David should have been intimidated by Goliath's size, but he didn't run, he stepped forward to fight in confidence. It's not that people who do great things for God don't hear intimidation, it's that they push through it. They recognize that if something is intimidating, it must be valuable and worth doing. When we see intimidation as an invitation to develop the gifts God has given us, we can have the confidence to fight the battles we never thought we'd win.

PASSIONATE PEOPLE WILL FIGHT TO THE FINISH BATTLES THAT MATTER THE MOST. Ultimately, David's victory over Goliath was a reflection of his passion to finish what he believed to be a very important battle for the nation of Israel. It was a battle for freedom, a battle for faith and the glory of God—all of which Goliath tried to threaten. Passionate people know which battles to fight, and know which ones to set aside; but when they fight, they fight to the finish. The last thing you want in your life is an unfinished battle.

Discussion Guide

1. What small assignments was David tasked with? How did he embrace them with passion? How did this set him up to be used by God in a greater way than he imagined?
2. What are you most passionate about? How do you prevent a God-given passion from becoming one of your weaknesses? How will channeling your passions correctly help you to better enjoy the life God has given you?
3. What intimidations are you currently up against? What invitations are at the bottom of your greatest fears?
4. What are the most important battles in your life? What are you not willing to give up on?

Prayer Guide

Take time to pray for each others fears and passions. Pray for one another's consistency and perseverance. Pray for those who are perhaps on the brink of giving up.