

September 26th - October 2nd

Faith in the Wild pt. 4: Building a Brave Heart

In this lesson you will learn three ways to build a brave heart.

Intro: Wild faith grows in the secret place. How you treat your private struggles will prepare you for your public battles. David was hidden for a purpose. While he was alone with God in the secret place, he gave birth to courage. Sometimes we can mistake our hidden seasons as seasons of punishment. In fact, God hides us for our own benefit (Psa 91:4). He protects us and prepares us in the hidden season so we can flourish and thrive in the seasons of promotion and leadership.

I. Your Faithfulness Today brings Favor Tomorrow

- A. David was faithful in the field, faithful in the familiar, and faithful when he was forgotten. If God can trust you in the smaller season, He can trust you with the bigger season. David submitted to the authority in his life. You can't get over what God wants to put under you, if you refuse to get under whom God has put over you. Be faithful in your submission to the authority God places in your life, and He will exalt you on time (1 Pet 5:6).

II. See God through what God's Word says about Him

- A. The most important thing about you is how you view God. God is not your problem. He is your answer. God is a good God. He is a good father who has good plans for your life. Your response to your life's circumstances is a direct result of your perception of God. Don't be filled with fear about your surrounding situation, instead be filled with faith in the God who watches over you. Faith does not ignore the giants, but focuses on the greater giant living inside of you (1 John 4:4).

III. See Yourself through what God's Word says about You

- A. How you see yourself determines if you fight or take flight from life's difficulties. Your identity is founded in God since He is the one who created you. Find who God has called you to be in the Word of God, not in people's opinions. David had to fight against the opinion of his brother Eliab. All of us have people reminding us of our history, but they are not a part of our destiny. Win the fight of identity and self-esteem on the inside first before fighting your external battles. Once you know who you are and whose you are, you can live at peace (Phil 4:7,8).

Discussion Questions

1. Are you faithfully submitted to the authority figures God has placed in your life?
2. Do you interpret God's love for you through your situations, or through His Word?
3. Do you know what God thinks about you as His child?