

WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?

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THE LORD'S FLOCK GROW DIGEST

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The most critical voice that we hear are not the voices of other people, but ours. This voice is always present on the inside talking to us. It is that internal narrative that will direct the trajectory or direction of our lives. It is the story that we are perpetually telling ourselves will have the biggest impact. However, replacing our self-talk with talking to God has the most influence on our lives and will help us overcome our struggles.

The classic story of David and Goliath had everything to do with the CONVERSATIONS that preceded the fight (1 Sam. 17). **David had Five (5) Critical Conversations:**

1. With his father Jesse (1 Sam. 17:17-19). David was asked to bring food to his 3 older brothers who had been fighting against the Philistines. The task seemed insignificant but David heeded his father's directive. David did not mind because he had a HEART OF HUMILITY. What God is looking for in a servant is not one with great ability but somebody that has enough humility.
1. With the soldiers (1 Sam. 17:26-27). David asked what would be given to the man who could defeat Goliath. David had a "VISION OF VICTORY." He already saw himself winning over the Philistines from God's perspective. If we focus on God who is much greater, bigger, and mightier, and who can do the impossible, we can certainly knock down our "Goliaths" (our problems, trials, struggles).
2. With Eliab, his oldest brother (1 Sam 17:28-29). After being rejected as the next king, Eliab questioned David's presence in the battlefield out of jealousy. But, David turned his back on Eliab for David knew well his real enemy. We, too, ought to have enough wisdom to KNOW WHO THE REAL ENEMY IS.

4. With King Saul (1 Sam. 17:32-39). David told King Saul, that he would be the one to fight Goliath. He had the CONFIDENCE that he could take the giant down because of his own history with God. We too have our own history with God. He assures us of victory again and again.
5. With Goliath (1 Sam. 17:43-46). Goliath mocked and undermined David's capability to win. However, David confidently told Goliath that he came in the "Name of the Lord Almighty." When we have a "giant" in front of us, bear in mind that we have a "name that we can throw," a name that is above every single name, a name that demon trembles at, a name that can heal our body, a name that can deliver and set us free – the matchless NAME OF JESUS.

Conclusion:

Life has everything to do with our conversations with ourselves, but most specially with God. Let us be confident in our power because we have God on our side. When we know who we are, we have the power to take down our "giants" (struggles, trials, challenges).

Reflection:

How does your relationship with God prepare you for times of trials or life's battle?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, give us the grace to have a heart of humility, a vision of victory, a constant conversation with You Almighty God, a wisdom to know our real enemy, and finally, the conviction to throw a name, a name will take the giants down. In Jesus' Name. AMEN!

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