

What Can I Do? A Question of Potential (Part 2)

1 Samuel 17:1-50

In the scripture, David is about to confront the giant Goliath. But before the confrontation, he was simply following the directive of his father, who ordered him to provide grain for his brothers on the battlefield.

How did David reach his potential? How do you change a shepherd boy into a giant killer?

To Reach our Potential we must have:

A Cause (1 Samuel 17: 26,29)

There is something you are designed to do. A **cause** is the reason we **act**. In the scripture, the taunting of the army of the living God gave David the **cause** to take action. Goliath had not even a covenant with God, yet he was taunting God's army.

"Your potential is tied to a cause." – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.

Confidence (1 Samuel 17: 31-36)

Three kinds of confidence are needed:

- Confidence in self (1 Samuel 17: 31-32)
- Confidence to get past the opinions of others (1 Samuel 17: 33)
- Confidence in God (1 Samuel 17: 34-36)

"God will allow victories in your life to build confidence." – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.

Commitment (1 Samuel 17: 38-40)

It takes commitment to stop using what does not work. In the scripture, David was fitted with the war apparel of Saul, but he could not walk in the armor. He disrobed the armor and reached for what was tried and true to him.

“Sometimes we are emotionally bound to something that is causing perpetual failure and we’re wondering why aren’t we making progress?” – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.

Courage (1 Samuel 17: 45-50)

It takes courage to face your giants, not fear your giants and fight your giants.

“Courage is the mental or moral strength to withstand danger or difficulty.” – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.

In closing this is how you change a shepherd boy into a giant killer.