

LESSON NO. 18

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LEA- DERSHIP

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Biblical Basis: 1 Samuel 17: 1-58

Text to memorize: 1 Samuel 17:45

PURPOSE

To facilitate certain fundamentals that serve as the basis for the formation of a solid leadership, with influence, passion, inspiration and with the ability to lead in times of crisis.

REAL LIFE STORY

One of the times of current crisis is the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), which has affected the whole world, has taken the lives of thousands of people, and brought pain and suffering in 2020. Countries, governments, hospitals, companies, the church, and its leaders were not prepared to face such a crisis that causes uncertainty and calamity; however, they have all been resilient, they have faced the crisis with courage and with confidence in God that it will pass very soon.

This world has needed leaders capable of inspire encouragement and hope in humanity, Pastors. and preachers who came out of the church to preach in a virtual way, giving hope to their faith communities to continue trusting that God is in control of the situation, affirming the faith of many with the convictions that if we live it is for Christ and if we die it is gain.

The world needs firm and wise leaders who continue to call people to trust and believe that He who has promised to be with us will be with us until the end of the world.



WHAT DOES THE SCRIPTURE SAY?

One of the most difficult times of crisis for the people of Israel was when the Philistine people challenged them through a giant named Goliath, every day for 40 days he went out to challenge them, humiliating them so that they would fight with him and put them in bondage. Faced with such an invitation from such a strong man there was no man who dared to fight, leading the people to a crisis, they all cowered when they saw such a man.

Faced with this terrible crisis there were only 2 options:

- 1) Fear, helplessness, and victimization.
- 2) Courage, commitment, trust, and passion in their God.

David, a shepherd of sheep, was without any doubt the leader that was needed in this moment of crisis, uncertainty, and chaos to be able to manage the trust of the people in their God, because it was not by their own strength, but in the power of God.

To be that kind of leader that is required in this time of crisis, 5 foundations are needed, we find them in 1 Samuel 17:1-58

1) Absolute trust in God (v. 45-46)

It is not in my strength or my ability, but in the power of God. I come in the name of God whom you have defied.

David knew that his God had prepared and guarded him when he fought defending his father's sheep in the desert, and his deep relationship with God gave him the certainty that He would help him at all times. Many lose the battles because they fight alone thinking that they have the ability, and because of their pride they are defeated in the face of crises.

2) Identity: Knowing oneself (v. 38-39)

King Saul dressed David in his coat of armor, but it did not fit on him and was not used to wearing it, so he took it off and prepared as he had learned.

Many times, leaders want to use the wrong identities, imitating styles and clothing that are not their own, thinking that they will be able to cope with situations, but along the way they get frustrated because they are not themselves, but a copy of someone else. David knew who he was and who was with him.

“David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.”

- 1 Samuel 17:45



3) Make firm decisions (v. 32)

I'll go fight him.

The true leader is the one who says, "I'll do it and let's move on." He doesn't become frightened but makes decisions based on his deep relationship with his God.

In life and in crises the leader has to make decisions that apparently do not make sense to others, since they do not believe in capabilities or focus on the physical, but we must remember that God looks at the heart.

4) Persuade, inspire, and motivate others (v. 47-52)

All who are here will recognize that the Lord saves.

Wow! What a great statement in his God. The soldiers screamed and chased after them, defeating many and leaving them on the road. Seeing their leader win, everyone was inspired and motivated to trust God and face the crisis, because the leader had set the example.

5) Humility: Give glory to God (v. 36-37)

The Lord who freed me from the claws of the lion and the bear will also free me from the power of that Philistine.

David never stopped giving glory to God, but he always exalted His name, expressing that has been God who always helped him in his battles, with humility he gave glory to God.



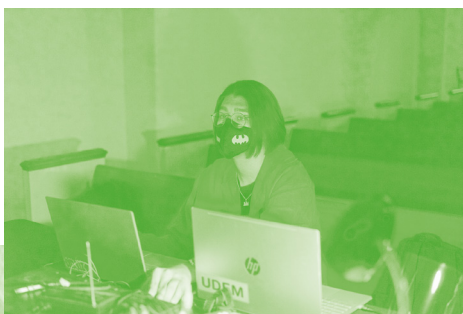
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“David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and He will give all of you into our hands.”

As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground. So, David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand, he struck down the Philistine and killed him. David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine’s sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran. Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath and to the gates of Ekron. Their dead were strewn along the Shaaraim road to Gath and Ekron. When the Israelites returned from chasing the Philistines, they plundered their camp. David took the Philistine’s head and brought it to Jerusalem; he put the Philistine’s weapons in his own tent.” (1 Samuel 17:45-54).





REFLECTION

According to Psalm 78:72, what 2 important things does David's leadership reflect?

In your opinion, what important things in David's leadership can you put into practice?

David's leadership was God-centered, he sought His will, loved people, asked for forgiveness, was compassionate and humble.

If you compare the leadership of David and Saul, you will find significant and important differences.

Find the differences and write the characteristics of Saul's leadership:

According to John 15:1-17, what should good leaders do?



PRACTICE

Leading God's people requires us to do so with love, humility, vision, and trust in Jesus. Starting with having a deep connection with Him to guide the people into all truth.

On what is your leadership based?

What struck you the most about David's leadership, and that you are willing to intentionally practice?

What will be your next steps to be a model of leadership in times of crisis?

Add another 5 fundamentals that help you be a model leader for the new generations as David asked in Psalm 71:18.
