



Heroes & Villains Series, No. 29: David, I Samuel 16-1 Kings 2

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Intro & Review:

Standpoint magazine article regarding Martin Luther King and reaction by Lance Morrow in the Wall Street Journal.

The way out, I'd say, is grace, if anyone believes in grace anymore. It's become a rare thing in American public life. Martin Luther King was complicated, and some of his behavior was vile. Yet he gave his life—gave it knowingly—for the sake of the country, for blacks and also for whites. He deserves the grace of his country's forbearance. Lance Morrow, WSJ

If we think about David long enough, we get to the painful elements of this hero's life: his vile, treacherous behavior in adultery w/ Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah her husband. God doesn't write off David and neither should we.

1 Samuel 13:14

1 Samuel 15:27-28

The primary applications from the life of David are threefold:

1. Recognize in our own lives and the lives of others that our sin and failures don't have to define us.
2. Choose to see life through the lens of faith, not merely what we can see w/ our eyes.
3. The fact that the best of our heroes have feet of clay reminds us that ultimately there is only One who is Heroic w/ no fault, no failure, the Lord Jesus, to whom all other heroes point.

I. Faithfulness in Action—

In David's most famous fight, when everyone else sees only the size of the giant Goliath, David sees God and God's honor.

1 Samuel 17:32-47

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Psalm 108:12-13

2 Samuel 2:1

2 Samuel 5:17-20

How are we doing in our transformation in Christ's image in looking beyond and behind the obvious to see what God's up to and how we should be entrusting ourselves to him?

- My challenge: _____
 ◇ My response: _____
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God is our deliverer and David knew that. And as those who have been delivered from the giants of sin and death, we should know that and count on that in our own circumstances.

II. Faithfulness in Worship

- God's Praise

2 Samuel 23:1

David wrote 75, or ½ of the 150 songs in the Book of Psalms. The Psalms of David: 2; 3–9; 11–32; 34–41; 51–65; 68–70; 86; 95; 101; 103; 108–110; 122; 124; 131; 133; 138–145.

- God's House/God's Honor

The Ark— Once David's throne is established in Jerusalem, he wants to re locate the Ark of the Covenant to his new capitol. He wants to be near God's presence, Psalm 27:4.

2 Samuel 6:12–19

The Temple— David wants to honor God by moving the Ark into a temple instead of a temporary tent.

2 Samuel 7:1–2

1 Chronicles 22:6–16

1 Chronicles 28:11–19

David wanted to see God honored and he did everything in his power to make sure God's house was as majestic and awesome as could be made.

Is God's honor the North Star of my life? _____

- ◇ Does God's honor impact my dreams and desires for the future? _____
- ◇ Does God's glory influence my finances and service? _____
- ◇ Does God's praise influence my hopes for my future; my children's and grandchildren? _____
- ◇ Do I worship as a way of life? _____

III. David's Greater Son—

All the heroes of faith point to the Ultimate Super Hero, the Lord Jesus, King of all Kings and Lord over all lords.

Jesus—

- Is the perfect man who's heart is fully and only for God and God's things
- Faces the Giants of Sin and Death on the Cross, enemies no one but he could have defeated
- Is the King of Psalm 2 and the Theme of the songs of David
- Is the God of the Ark of the Covenant, the Tabernacle and the Temple
- Is the Son God promised to David who would build God's house and rule God's kingdom forever.

Oh come! Let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Psalm 95:6-7