

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

STOP LIVING IN THE PAST

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PART 4: CONFUSION

There are several hurdles to overcome as you attempt to leave the past and move into the present time. Each of these hurdles must be eliminated if you are going to be able to move into a victorious Christian living. Compromise leads to lack of a vision which will bring in confusion.

THE CONFUSION OF KING SAUL

Once King Saul had been told by the prophet Samuel that the kingdom had been taken away from him because of his compromise, Saul had lost any vision he had of victory in the future and just plodded along waiting for the day that God would remove him as king.

Not long after the war with the Amalekites was over, the Philistines put together an army and started to look for King Saul and his army. After the two armies met, the Philistine giant, Goliath, taunted them for forty days and put fear into Saul and his men. **1 Samuel 17:1-11**

But God had a young man who had a vision that the God of Israel was superior to any demon gods of other nations. David and his three older brothers joined the army of Saul but he was too young and returned home. **verses 12-15**

After some time Jesse sent David back to the battlefield with food for his brothers. **verses 16-21**

After forty days of taunting by Goliath, David's brothers had no desire to see their little brother. No fighting had taken place because Saul and the men of Israel had lost their vision of victory and his brother's vented their anger on David. **verses 22-24**

The soldiers in Saul's army had no faith, no vision of victory and that included David's three brothers. In their confusion they talked about someone taking Goliath down but they had no clue who that might be. **verses 25-27**

Eliab became very angry and lashed out against David. **verse 28**

There is always demonic activity where there is strife and confusion. **James 3:14-16**

David had not compromised, he still had his vision and there was no confusion in his mind. **verse 29**

More and more soldiers heard David talk and words were spoken to Saul that there was a man willing to fight Goliath. Saul was desperate for a solution and called for David. **verses 30-31**



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There was no confusion in David because in his vision he already saw Goliath dead and tried to build faith in Saul. **verse 32**

Saul took one look at David and saw a teenager who had never been in a battle and fought as a soldier. **verse 33**

David told of his credentials and that he could do the job. **verses 34-36**

When Saul heard that David trusted in God, it sparked something in him, a glimmer of faith that maybe this young teenager could do what none of the 210,000 soldiers were able to do. **verse 37**

Saul fell back into his old way of thinking in the flesh and had David to try on his personal armor. **verse 38**

David was led by God, there was no confusion, and he was not going into battle in armor for which he was not trained. David calmly proclaimed that he was going to use the weapons with which God had blessed him in their usage. **verses 39-40**

David was smart enough to know that he could never defeat Goliath without the Lord. David's trust was not in his sling but in the Lord! verses 41-47

There will be no confusion when you have a strong vision of what God wants you to do and there is no compromise in your life. David did not linger but moved close to Goliath and killed him with one shot. **verses 48-49**

The Bible doesn't say if Goliath became unconscious after the stone hit him but we can see that David had no fear or confusion. This one-on-one battle had taken place between the armies and the Philistine soldiers could have rushed toward David and taken revenge but David had no fear and ran right up to Goliath, took his sword and finished the job by cutting off his head. **verses 50-51**

IT ONLY TAKES ONE MAN WITH FAITH IN GOD, NO COMPROMISE AND WITH A STRONG VISION TO RALLY THE MASSES, ATTACK THE ENEMY AND DEFEAT HIM. verses 52-53

WATCH OUT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN CONFUSION

King Saul had just won a great victory thanks to David but he had mixed emotions because he had been humiliated in front of his army by not being able to give leadership to his troops. The battle had been won through the heroic act of a teenager.

Saul wanted to capitalize on the skills that God had laid down in David, but at the same time he became envious because people flocked to David, including his oldest son, Jonathan. **1 Samuel 18:1-7**

The Bible tells us that Saul became enraged and was possessed by an evil spirit that would plague him until his death. **verses 10-11**

David retained the vision that God was with him and that someday he would become the King of Israel. **1 Samuel 16:1-13; 18:12-30**

Saul's hate for David drove him deeper and deeper into confusion until he was made a fool in front of the people of Israel. **1 Samuel 19:18-24**

FEAR WILL DESTROY THE VISION AND BRING IN CONFUSION

When the pressure from Saul increased, David lost sight of his vision and started to compromise by lying. **1 Samuel 20:1-7**

The lie was repeated to Saul. **verses 25-29**

Saul had so much hate for David that he almost slew Jonathan. **verses 30-34**

David lost all his integrity, the vision was lost and the confusion had David in a grip. The lying continued. **1 Samuel 21:1-9**

He fled to the enemy of Israel out of fear and feigned that he was mentally ill. **verses 10-15**

THE CAVE OF ADULLAM

God does not promote sin and David made the choice to sin in order to save his life. He had forgotten that he had been anointed by the prophet Samuel to become king of Israel, the victory over Goliath and all his victories over the Philistines; he was in the pit of self-pity and became a captain over the misfits in Israel. **1 Samuel 22:1-2**

David might have lost the vision but God had not and the road to recovery began. **verses 3-5**

THE LONG ROAD HOME

After being chased by King Saul all over Israel, David fled to the Philistines to escape and stayed there for one year and four months. **1 Samuel 27:1-7**

David and his men became outlaws, murdering and pillaging while lying to King Achish. **verses 8-12**

David and his men became mercenaries and joined the Philistines in fighting his own people but God prevented this by the princes of the Philistines, who did not trust David and his men. **1 Samuel 29:1-7**

David had lost all sense of morality at this time in his life. **verses 8-11**

When God turned the tables on David and his men, they didn't like being the victims instead of the marauders. **1 Samuel 30:1-6**

With the death of King Saul, David enquired of the Lord and was told to return to his homeland of Judah. **2 Samuel 2:1-4**

But the civil war in Israel was far from over and the war between the house of Saul and the house of David continued for a number of years. **2 Samuel 3:1**

THE VISION BECOMES A REALITY

David became the King of Israel after a civil war of seven and a half years.
2 Samuel 5:1-5

David was an imperfect man who had shed much blood and for this reason he could not build God's temple in Jerusalem. **1 Chronicles 28:3**

God blessed David in spite of his weaknesses because He was building a nation that one day would bring the Messiah to save mankind. **2 Samuel 5:10-12**

David realized that he was a sinner who needed to be forgiven time and time again. **Psalms 6:1-10**

Instead of seeking the Lord in all matters, David sank into immorality when he started to build up a harem and paid dearly for all his mistakes. **2 Samuel 5:13**

His immorality eventually led him to commit adultery and then murder the husband of the wife he had violated. David was forgiven when he repented of this sin but was told that the sword would never leave his house. **2 Samuel 12:7-14**

David became heartbroken when he realized that the vision God had given him had forever been marred and that he would never achieve the full blessings from God. **Psalms 51:1-19**

SUMMARY

David started out strong but success corrupted him and the vision was dimmed when he spent many years in confusion.

You must not only guard the vision but guard yourself from corruption as God's blessings begin to overtake you. Once the vision becomes a reality, guard it with all your might so that you will not lose the victory!

Reject compromise, Reject lack of vision, Refuse to accept confusion.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?