

Chase the Lion

Week 4

Chapters 7 & 8

Read 1 Samuel 17:34-37

We live in a culture that celebrates fifteen minutes of fame, but God honors a lifetime of faithfulness.

Question: David was faithful day after day protecting sheep. He killed both lions and bears. How does living a life of long obedience in the same direction play out in living a life of faith?

Hymn by Robert Robinson (Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing)

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's redeeming love.

Question: How do these words bring victory to your soul?

After the Israelites pulled off an upset victory over the Philistines, the Prophet Samuel builds an alter named Ebenezer. It means "Hitherto hath the Lord help us". It reminds us that the God who did it before can do it again.

Question: What's your Ebenezer alter in your life?

Quote by Winston Churchill: *The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you can see.*

Question: Is there a place you need to go back in your life before God can take you to what's next?

Next week: Chapters 9 & 10

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