

# David, God's Hero // 1 Samuel 16–17 // *The Whole Story #16*

1 Samuel 16... Page 238 in my Bible, if that helps

I read a book last year by **Stephen Ambrose** called ***Undaunted Courage***. It's about the **Lewis & Clark expedition** of the early 1800's... They had **set out to find what they thought** was one, contiguous waterway that connected the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

**For two years** they battled through hunger, fatigue, enemies, desertion... All the information they had received to this point made them believe that once they reached the **continental divide**, they would face about a half-day's walk down to the Columbia River, at which point they could float lazily downriver all the way to the Pacific Ocean.

The **story goes that as they approached the continental divide, Meriwether Lewis** left his party to be the 1<sup>st</sup> to climb up the bluff to get 1<sup>st</sup> glimpse of the other side. Instead, he became the first non-native American to lay his eyes on what we now call... the Rocky Mountains.<sup>1</sup>

*Imagine how that felt!*

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<sup>1</sup> Summary owing to John Ortberg, *If You Want to Walk on Water*, ch. 5.

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Sally Lloyd-Jones, "The Young Hero and the Horrible Giant"

Stephen Ambrose shows how **somehow Lewis and Clark were able to deal with disappointments and setbacks like that** and keep pressing on. And because of that, on **Nov 5, 1805**, Lewis and Clark put their feet into the Pacific Ocean. And then they **turned around** and started the long walk back to Boston.

**Here's the question I want you to consider as we get into things today:** Where do you feel like that in your life? Has your marriage just hit a Rocky Mountain moment, or maybe your job? Maybe a bad health report that came out of nowhere? An unexpected delay or a sudden problem with your kids?

What I want to show you is that God has a **very special way of preparing** his people, and these kinds of Rocky Mountain passes are **always part of his plan**.

*We want an easy downriver waterway into eternity, but God sends us into the Rocky Mountains instead.*

- And that frustrates us (it does me!) but God sees these things totally different than we do!
- Hardships and mountains are not problems to him at all! He can fling them out of the way whenever.
- ***His biggest objective in this journey is not to get you to a destination, but to prepare you for that destination.*** As I've often told you, he's not just trying to **put you into heaven**; he's trying to put the heart of heaven—his heart—into you.

## 1 Samuel 16

*If you are new around here, we are working our way through the whole Bible this year, hitting the high points so we can, in 1 year, learn 'the whole story' of the Bible. We are on message #16, 1 Sam 16..*

*Let me catch you up on the bigger story: After the **terrible downward cycle** of the Judges, Israel decided **what they needed** was a king. And God said, "But I was supposed to be your king."*

And they said, "Well, we want one we can **see and touch who will lead us into battle** and take care of us." So God says, "You're going to end up regretting that," but he agreed to do it.

So he **told a prophet named Samuel** to find a king, and Samuel chose a man named Saul. Now, Saul was really an **obvious choice**. He was **tall, charismatic, good-looking**, a great **warrior**, and **smart**. No one was surprised. Would have been scholarshiped to any college.

And he **started out pretty good**, but he turned out to be a **king like most kings**; the **power corrupted** his heart. He became **proud and self-willed**. He used his position of power to **serve himself** rather than the people he was called to lead, using and abusing people and bending the laws of God whenever it served him.

**And so God rejected him** as king and told Samuel to go look for a new king.

And so, as we saw last week, **God sent Samuel** to the house of Jesse to anoint this new king (Jesse, the grandson of Ruth the Moabite).

**Well, Jesse answers the door** and Samuel says, "God told me one of your sons was supposed to be king!" And, Jesse thinks, "**Oh, I know exactly** which one of my sons that is supposed to be: Eliab." And so he brings him out.

[6] When they came, Samuel looked on Eliab and thought,) "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." (Eliab looked kingly—tall, commanding presence, blue steel eyes—I know you want to see a pic of Nic Cage here, but no) [7] But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. "For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

**Now, Samuel really should have known better**, shouldn't he? "Hey Samuel, don't you **remember Saul**? Are you really going to make **that mistake** again, Samuel?" You're going to choose Eliab because he '*looks*' kingly?

- **Trace the story of Eliab**, and you'll see that Eliab turns out to be critical, arrogant, and untrusting of God.

"I'm **looking for something different in my king**," God says. LISTEN: When God looks for leaders, he doesn't look at what we look at, and he doesn't value what we typically value. He's not after the **pretty face**. He never looks at someone and says, "Wow, great dresser," or "impressive resume" or "nice body." He looks at the beauty **here, and here alone!**

So, let me ask you before we move on: *How much time do you spend preparing your heart?*

- Some of us **spend so much time obsessing about what you look like on the outside**—working out; dressing correctly; saying the right things. You thought about all those things on your way here!
- God looks at purity; humility; compassion; people who are quick to ask for forgiveness and quick to forgive.

**Well, like I said, Samuel should have known this**, but even the best prophets forget things from time to time, **so God says to Samuel**, "nope."

And so Samuel says to a surprised Jesse, “Well, God has not chosen him. Do you have another son?” [10] And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” [11] Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” (Now, this kind of seems like a dumb question to me. Right? Jesse, do you have any other kids you forgot about? **And Jesse is like (counting fingers)**, ‘Oh yeah...! There is another.’) And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.”

- **Youngest:** In Hebrew, “**haqqaton**,” which Hebrew scholars say carries the connotation of “**runt**.” He was **wimpy and skinny**; the kind of kid that had to run around in the shower to get wet
- And **he’s keeping the sheep**; which was the lowest job in Israel. Equivalent of cleaning toilets.

And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” (You know, is it me, or does Samuel strike you as a little bit ornery here? SIGH. “Jesse, *how* many sons did I ask you to bring? We’re not even going to sit down until he gets back; we just all going to stand here.” And **some guy goes tearing out across the field** to find David.)

[12] And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome.

- **Ruddy:** **Some say** this means he was red-headed and freckled. **Others say** this means that he was dirty, disheveled, tanned, and smelled like the pasture. *How one word could potentially mean both things I don’t know.*
- But! – he had pretty eyes.
- The point is, he **doesn’t look like a king**, or like a man of war. He is a **runt kid with a baby face**. Think *Justin Bieber*, or *Bow Wow*, or a *Jonas Brother* or *(pic of Hank Murphy.)*

[12] And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” [13] ...and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. David’s strength was not going to come from any **inward awesomeness**; that’s not why God chose him. It’s going to come from the **Spirit of God!** And, in fact, he is going to be able to be filled with the Spirit of God because he is NOT full of himself, because if you are full of yourself you can’t be filled with the Spirit of God.

## 1 Samuel 17

Which brings us now to one of the most famous Bible stories of all time: **David and Goliath**. (Everybody thinks they know this story and the point of it. But, listen: there are **some deep Bible things at work in this passage** that can unlock not only the meaning of the Bible and the secret to a victorious life!)

**17:1 Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle.** OK. Really quick. Who are the Philistines?

- In short, the bad guys. They were a group of people still living in the land of Canaan that the Israelites had failed to drive out.
- Ironically, in our culture when we say, “Philistine,” we often mean someone who is culturally backward. But the **Philistines were the strongest, most technologically advanced people** of the time. They were the first civilization to work with **metals**—and because of that they had superior weapons.<sup>2</sup>)
- The Israelites had rocks and wood.
- So, Israel was **intimidated** by them, as was everyone at the time.

<sup>3</sup>And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. I’ve been to this place; it’s about a mile wide. <sup>4</sup>And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of

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<sup>2</sup> The Philistines controlled the 3 major cities along the most popular trade route in the world at that time, called the Via Maris. In our country, think of it like they

controlled NY, Miami, and RDU. This is from studies done by Ray Vander Laan. See [www.followtherabbi.com](http://www.followtherabbi.com).

Gath, whose height was 6 cubits and a span. Which would make him about 9' 6," about 6" short of a basketball goal.

<sup>5</sup> He (Goliath) had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, (which doesn't mean he had a bunch of postcards attached to him, but a metal meshing) and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. <sup>6</sup> And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. (See how they keep bringing bronze and metal up? Philistines were the only ones with bronze. IOW, he was superior ) <sup>7</sup> The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and... <sup>8</sup> he stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup> If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." This is what they called "representative warfare." One person fights on behalf of the army and if they win, you win.

Vs. 16 says every morning and evening he did this, for 40 days. Every morning at breakfast: <sup>10</sup> And the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together." At night as they are roasting s'mores, "Give me a man."

<sup>11</sup> When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

Vs. 20: Well, meanwhile, back at the ranch, Jesse sends ruddy David up to see his brothers at the battle with some crackers and cheese. All his brothers are in the army. BTW, we know he was less than 20 years old at this point, because that was the official age for being in the army. <sup>20</sup> And David rose early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper (He finds a sheep sitter like a responsible young man) and he took the lunchables provisions and went, (just like his daddy

had commanded) as Jesse had commanded him. He's essentially a teenager making a donut run for his daddy.

So he brings the snacks to his 7 older brothers who are doing the fighting. (And, to be technical, "fighting" is probably not the best word to use here, because their "fighting" so far consists only of yelling insults, "Oh yeah, well, you're dumb. Your momma's a Goliath." Stuff like that.)

<sup>23</sup> As (David) talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

<sup>32</sup> And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

<sup>33</sup> And Saul said to David, (condescending tone) "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth." IOW, "this guy has been fighting for as long as you have been alive!"

Here we go! <sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. (and by used to, I mean 'this morning.')

And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. Now, first, a beard? What did bears look like back then?

<sup>37</sup> "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!" In other words, "Good luck being dead."

<sup>42</sup> And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, with his freckles and his floppy hair ruddy and handsome in appearance.

<sup>43</sup> And the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” (seriously, you sent out Sheldon Cooper from Big Bang Theory out to fight me? Did you think was a “So you think you can dance” contest?) <sup>44</sup> The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field.”

<sup>45</sup> Then David said to the Philistine, “(The problem, Jack, is...) You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. (Not bad for a novice trash talker!)

And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that *all the earth* may know that there is a God in Israel, (audience 1)<sup>47</sup> and that *all this assembly* may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. (Notice the 2 audiences: one, **the world**, to know God exists; 2. **the church**, to prove God is trustworthy!). For the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give you into our hand.”

<sup>48</sup> When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup> And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead and he thought, “Well, *this* was the last thing to ever enter my mind.”) and he fell on his face to the ground.

<sup>51</sup> Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath (David didn’t even have a sword!) and

killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

<sup>52</sup> And the men of Israel and Judah rose with a shout and pursued the Philistines... and plundered their camp.

**OK, here’s the big question. What’s the main point of this story?**

- *The bigger they are, the harder they fall?*
- There is always hope for the underdog, so never stop believing in yourself
  - *Don’t stop believing, hold on to that fee-ee-ee-ling?* Is that it?
- Or how about, “If you trust God, God will give you victory over all the “giants” in your life—a superior football team; a lousy job... or cancer?”
- Or maybe, “God has appointed you to conquer the giant of mediocrity and dominate in your workplace?”

**I’ve heard all these applications. Are these the *main point of this story?* What do you think? (Ladies and gentlemen, this is the audience participation part of our program...)**

Let me **teach you something about Bible interpretation**. This is a mistake people often make: *The story of David is not **David** ☒ **You**.*

*It is **David** ☒ **Jesus** ☒ **You**.*

Don’t cut out the **middle man** here. We’ll **get to what it means for the giants in your life** in a minute, but this book—**1<sup>st</sup> and foremost**—is written to make you **adore him**.

- Not a collection of **heroes whose examples you are to emulate** but a Savior to worship.
- Jesus was the **small, unassuming shepherd boy** who fought the real giant—our sin and the curse of death—as our representative,

on our behalf, while we stood on the sidelines like cowards, doing nothing to help him.

- **As our representative, he lived the life we were supposed to live, in our place, and died the death we were condemned to die.**
- And just like David, he was **opposed by all his brothers** and **abandoned by everyone** at the moment of battle!
- He walked out onto that field **all alone**, and conquered the giant **by himself**.
- And **now we, his brothers**, get to share in his victory even though we didn't lift a finger to help him.

*The real giant in our lives—our real Goliath—was our alienation from God and the penalty we owed for our sin. And that's something Jesus knocked out for us all on his own!*

Now: **DAVID@JESUS@YOU. (1) Because Jesus has taken out the real giant in my life, I can bravely face all the lesser giants**

- **In Christ, I don't have to be afraid of death**
  - If cancer comes, **ultimately I don't have to be afraid** of it, because even if it kills me, Jesus has taken the **sting out of death**. I can say, like Paul, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."
  - David wrote it this way, "*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...*"
    - Fav illustration: "Would you rather be hit by the truck or by its shadow?"
- **In Christ, I don't have to be afraid of the future flying out of control**
  - If you **lose your job**, you've got something more secure than money to hang onto. God's promises to care for you.
    - Again, David: "The Lord is my **shepherd**; I shall not want; he **makes me lie down** in green pastures; he **prepares a table** before me in the presence of my enemies (How about that? A 5 course meal while

bullets fly overhead); **surely goodness and mercy** will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in your house forever.

- I'll **never be abandoned**; I'll never be alone. I'll never be forsaken.
- **So if I lose my job, it's not the end of the world.** Because you know what really is the "end of the world?" Losing your relationship with God. And since Jesus took care of that, you can be confident he'll take care of this, too.
- What would feel like the "end of the world" to you? Losing a job? Losing a **loved one**? Getting **hurt in a relationship**? I know people who **pull back from being in a relationship** because they've been hurt and they think, "I just can't have that happen again."
  - But **in Christ, you can go into it**, because even if you get hurt again, that won't be the end of the world, because Christ took into himself the real "the end of the world" for you.
  - Christ has given you **true life**, and **joblessness can't threaten** that and **cancer can't kill it.**
  - So yea though I walk through the valley of joblessness or poor health or a bad marriage, I won't be afraid, because, "Thou art with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me!"
- **In Christ, I don't have to fear the disapproval of others, I have the absolute approval of the only One whose opinion really matters**
  - For most of my life, **I've been captive** to what other people thought! In Christ, I know that even if people reject me, I have the absolute approval of the only One whose opinion really matters, anyway.
  - **Sometimes even as I preach, I catch myself...** It's partially your fault. Good sermon listeners vs. bad. I get discouraged. Then I think about God looking at me from



heaven.... (your mind does a lot when you preach the same thing 5 times!) *That's my boy, and I'm proud of him!*

- So you go on with your **bored self**, he's smiling at me, and I can endure **your frown** if I have his **smile**.
- I can take **your scorn** if I have *his* approval.
- So keep on with your **mad, bored face** in church; Jesus thinks I'm doing a great job.
- BTW, this is **also how you gain the courage** to be honest about your faults. To admit you don't always have it all together! *I can appear weak before you because your admiration is no longer my life. He is my life.*

**Real courage** is not the assurance that everything is going to **go smoothly**; or when everyone **likes** you; or when you discover your inward awesomeness—that you are a rainbow; a snowflake; a skittle! —or that you'll have **no difficulties**. *Real courage is knowing you have a God better than life and larger than death that has said, "Surely my goodness and mercy..."*

**Before I go on to #2, let me ask: Do you know Christ like this?** He went out there as your **representative. He won the battle for you!** But you have to consent. You have to say, "Jesus, I'll let you be my representative against sin and death. I'll trust in your victory for me as mine, and surrender to you as my Lord!"

...but, **(2) I can trust God to fight my lesser battles for me, too**

- OT stories like this do **2 things**: they point us to Jesus; and they also give us an example for how we should live<sup>3</sup>

**Really quick: What is a giant in your life? A giant is anything that prohibits the advance of the will of God in your life**

- Satan will often oppose thing good things God wants to do in your life.

- In your marriage. With your kids. In your job. Even in your your health.

- And how do we overcome those giants? Like David, running confidently toward them, believing God will fight for us!

The **Christian life is not just "learning to endure defeat well."** It is seeing the power of God and his salvation come into different spheres in your life!

We'll let **David teach us (an all David message) Psalm 27:13**, "I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living "I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Not just in death. But in life.

- I think of this with my **kids' salvation**.
- The **success of this church**. God can give us grace to endure a church that fails... but I want to see God use this church to reach thousands of people in RDU, Summit. To see God's goodness manifest in our generation while we are living! 1000 churches. Seeing a revolution in places like the D.R.
- It's perfectly fine to **pray for victory over cancer** so you can keep serving God and blessing others who need you. He *may have a different and better* plan, but you can ask him.
- It's perfectly fine to **ask God to bless you in your career** so you can give glory to God and use your prosperity to further God's mission.
- You should be **asking God to move powerfully** in the lives of your friends and *expecting* him to do so.
- *When he doesn't do what you think he should do*, you can trust that it has nothing to do with him not caring or forgetting about you, because if he faced the real giant in your life, surely he will face these lesser ones.

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<sup>3</sup>Luke 24; 1 Cor 10

**Where do you see the Kingdom of God needing to advance?** Have courage.

- Don't look at the **size of the giant**; look at the graciousness of God

Listen: *Giants are not a problem to God. They never have been.* What kills you is the giant of unbelief *here*.

## Conclusion

**Which brings us back to the last question I want to ask:** *Where do you learn that kind of courage*—to listen to God's voice and act in faith?

*Let's go back to chapter 16:13, to where the Spirit of God rushed on David...*

- **Right after vs. 13...** the white space. Right there (point to it). That's where David learned it.
- Notice that **vs. 14 changes the subject**. The **focus goes back to Saul**, and David goes back to the pasture.
  - **Imagine what this was like for David!** Samuel, the most important prophet in Israel, seeks you out, says God has chosen you, and pours oil on your head. You feel it run down your hair and neck. Spirit of God rushes on you.
  - And then, where do you go *the next morning*? Into an elite **King training** program? Down to the **Hosanna Republic** to try on crowns and robes?<sup>4</sup>
- Nope. **Back to the pasture**. Vs. 19, when they look for David a few years later, they have to go get David from the sheep!
  - I'm sure David was like, "**Lord, did you forget? Has there been a mistake?**"
- **No mistakes**. God **uses the pasture** to prepare his king. **Only in the pasture does God build** into you his skill; patience; endurance; and character.

Chuck Swindoll says that 3 words characterize David's time in the pasture: *I'd encourage you to write these in that white space in your Bible:*

**Obscurity:** no one paid any attention to him.

**Monotony:**

- "David... what did you do today?" *I watched the sheep. They walked from here to there...*
- "What else?" *I worked a little with this slingshot. You wouldn't believe this. I can knock that apple off the tree from 100 yards. Want to see?*
- "I don't really care, David... Anything else?" *Well, I got so bored I played the harp. I wrote a couple of songs. Want to hear one? I call it, 'The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.'*
- "Do I want to hear a song written by a poor no-name blue collar worker? Not particularly." *Last week, a bear attacked the sheep. I grabbed its beard killed it with my knife.*
- "It's beard, David? Does a bear have a beard? Can anyone verify this, David?" *No.*

Obscurity. Monotony. But there's 3<sup>rd</sup> word, **Reality:** In the pasture, though **no one paid attention to David, in reality God, the master builder, was shaping** him.

- *With the slingshot* (that would come in handy)<sup>5</sup>
- *With the harp:* David would write the most famous song ever, the song that has brought comfort to more believers in trial than any other in history—the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.
- In the pasture, *God developed David's courage.*
- *In the pasture, he learned forgiveness and patience*
- *He learned humility.* You can only think so highly of yourself when your main job is to *clean up sheep poop*. And one of the secrets of

<sup>4</sup> Go buy some new giant-slaying active wear from JewJewLemon?

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed is the God who trains my hands for war."



David's success was he always seemed to be very aware of where he came from and how much he owed to God.

Summit, this is how God works in your life. Already in this series, we've seen it with Joseph. We saw it with Moses. We saw it with Joshua. When God calls someone, he trains them in the pasture.

- "Hey mom... what did you do today?" I changed diapers. "Did they appreciate it? Did they rise up and call you blessed?" No. What's your motivation? Only Col. 3:23, "Whatever you do, do it with all your heart **to the Lord.**"
- 'Hey teacher, what did you do today?' I taught some kids long division. "Did the kids appreciate that?" No; one tried to flush his math book down the toilet.
- 'Hey business professional. What did you do?' *Settled some accounts.*
- 'Hey student... what did you do? I studied some lame things about history and calculus I'll never use.
- Obscurity. Monotony. But the reality is God is at work in it all, shaping you and moving the mission forward.
- **Do not despise the pasture; do not despise suffering; these are God's laboratories for forming in you that heart of his king.**
  - *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; that though he was in the form of God; considered equality with God not something to be clung to; but **made himself of no reputation and took upon himself the form of a servant, and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.***
  - **THEREFORE** God has also highly exalted him, and given him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and in earth, and things under the earth, to the glory of God the Father.
  - That's not just about Jesus; it's a pattern for you. "Let this mind be in you..."

**Do you want to be exalted; to be filled with the Spirit like David, used like David? The way up is the way down.** God doesn't fill you with his spirit on the throne, but in the pasture, as you learn **servanthood; humility; obedience; patience; and trust.**

So **don't waste your pasture.** Don't **despise** it. David could **never have become David** without that pasture.

So, 2 questions: 1. **Have you received Jesus** as your representative? And 2. Are you **learning to trust** him through your pastures and your giants?

