

# 10 LESSONS FOR A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE

## #2 SEE AND SEIZE THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITIES

1 Samuel 17

1. God gives \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1 Samuel 17:1-20

2. God-given opportunities need to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1 Samuel 17:21-25
- Numbers 13:1-2
- Numbers 13:26-33
- 1 Samuel 17:26
- 1 Samuel 17:32-51

3. God-given opportunities are often disguised as \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1 Samuel 17:48-51
- 1 Samuel 17:52-53
- James 2:17
- James 2:26

4. Increased opportunities are the fruit of faithfulness in \_\_\_\_\_ ones.

- ▶ Simple obedience.

1 Samuel 17:17-20 (NIV) Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp. Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them. They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines." Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry.

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- ▶ Faithful service.

1 Samuel 16:19-23 (NIV) Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." So Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul. David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him." Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

1 Samuel 17:14-15 (NIV) David was the youngest. The three oldest followed Saul, but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

- ▶ Past (and passed) testing.

1 Samuel 17:32-37 (NIV) David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

- Luke 6:10
- Matthew 25:21

5. How you handle God-given opportunities determines your \_\_\_\_\_, and creates your \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1 Samuel 18:6-7
- Ephesians 5:15-16
- Colossians 3:23-24

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