

SEEING BEYOND THE MAJORITY

Building Blocks For A Significant Life - Part 4

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I Samuel 17

THREE TRUTHS ABOUT VISION

1. VISION TAKES ROOT IN THE OBSCURE.

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

"Then you will call upon Me...and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NIV)

2. VISION REQUIRES A RESPONSE OF FAITH.

"... You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." I Samuel 17:45 (NIV)

THREE REMINDERS ABOUT VISION...

■ Beware of vision vandals.

"...Eliab was angry at him and said, 'What are you doing here, anyway? Who's taking care of that little flock of sheep out in the desert? You spoiled brat! You came here just to watch the fighting, didn't you?'" I Samuel 17:28 (CEV)

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy..." John 10:10a (NIV)

■ The battle is the Lord's.

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." Psalm 20:7 (NIV)

"Put on the full armor of God..." Ephesians 6:11a (NIV)

■ Value the victories.

"The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of the Philistine." I Samuel 17:37 (NIV)

3. VISION IS CONTAGIOUS.

“Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath and to the gates of Ekron.”

1 Samuel 17:52 (NIV)

“Now glory be to God, who by His mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—ininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.” Ephesians 3:20 (LB)

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