

Message from God's Life-Giving Word

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Holding onto Hope - Enthusiastic

Spiritual Passion

En Theos – in God, filled with God

*But **thanks be to God**, who gives us **the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, **be steadfast**, immovable, always **abounding** in the **work of the Lord**, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:57-58*

THE 'EN THEOS' OF DAVID

Notes on 1 Samuel 17:

Where did David's enthusiasm come from?

- He _____ God DAILY

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TWO SEASONS OF DAVID'S LIFE

When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. 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 fell on his face to the ground. 1 Samuel 17:48-49

- With _____, David ran into battle to serve his _____.

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army... One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace... 2 Samuel 11:1-2

- With _____, David walked on the roof to serve his _____.

AVOID THE DRIFT

*But I have this against you, that you have **abandoned** the love you had at first. **Remember** therefore from where you have fallen; **repent** and **do the works** you did at first. Revelation 2:4-5*

Next Steps

1. Journal the following: Do you know someone with enthusiasm? How do they make you feel? Do you think of enthusiasm as a godly trait? Why or why not? Did any part of this week's message shift your thinking? What is something you are currently enthusiastic about?
2. Read 1 Samuel 17. Consider a time when you identified with enthusiastic David who ran into battle. What was that like? Now read 2 Samuel 11. Consider a time when you identified with apathetic David who sought comfort. Looking back, what are the differences between the times you did and did not live with enthusiastic faith?
3. Spend some time praying this week for God to enter your attitudes. Pray for His intervention that you not be changed by the attitudes around you but influence others in a positive way. Pray you are not just excited but desiring to live enthusiastically for your Savior.
REMEMBER: *Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It's also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.*