

Blood, Sweat, & Tears

The Value of Passion (Wk.3)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

A man who is passionate about his holy discontent will change generations.

Key Scriptures

Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified. 1 Samuel 17:10-11

David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?" 1 Samuel 17:26

David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." 1 Samuel 17:32

Passion is relentless devotion to a desired outcome.

Additional Scripture:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:1-3

Start talking.

- Who are some people you know that went after a crazy goal? Explain.
- What is unique about them?
- How did their passion impact you?

Start thinking.

- Popeye would often say, "That's all I can stand, and I can't stand no more." Why is that sentiment so important in a person's life?
- Bill Hybels calls these ideas, areas of "holy discontent". What are examples from history and scripture where people have turned their passion into a "holy discontent"? How were lives impacted?
- If passion is the, "relentless devotion to a desired outcome", how does that impact the things you say you are passionate about?

Start sharing.

- Take a couple minutes and read 1 Samuel 17. How did the Israelites and Saul respond to the taunts of Goliath?
- Why was David not dismayed and afraid? What was unique about him?
- Joel made the statement that we need to, "Stop telling God our problems, but tell your problems about your God." How did David embody that ideal? How would that concept change your approach to life's struggles?
- What are the issues that wreck you? What can you not shake? How might God want to use that to impact others?
- In what ways are you tempted to marginalize or medicate that passion?

Start doing.

- What is one thing you can do this week to lean towards your area of discontent?
- There is power when we declare our passions. Who will you share yours with this week?

Closing prayer.

Men of God are made through blood, sweat, and tears. We have a race marked out for each of us. Lives and generations yet to come are at stake. What stirs you to action? What breaks your heart, and wrecks you toward action? If you are not certain, then take this time to pray diligently for God to reveal that thing that breaks His heart...and therefore needs to break yours. Then lean in to it with everything you have!