



## Courage to Keep Going *(cont'd)*

**Second**, we can face our troubles with confidence because God is with us. As the Lord was with David, he is also with us and with those who have put their faith in Christ.

As we face the Goliaths and King Sauls of life, remember that there is no problem, no difficulty, and no struggle that you face that is bigger than God. His presence will be your strength. Rest assured that He will not allow you to be tried beyond what you can bear. Just as sure as the trials come, God will provide a way out (1 Cor. 10:13). Do not let the shortcomings or mistreatment by others weigh you down. Remain faithful where God has placed you. Always depend on God's sovereignty. He is in control, so by faith, release your cares, concerns and worries to God through prayer, trusting Him and doing what His Word promises through faith that endures.

### *A Note on How God Looks at the Heart.*

1 Sam 16:7, when Samuel came to see Jesse to anoint one of his sons as the next king of Israel: *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."* may teach us valuable lessons in parenting. Most parents tend to focus on the behavior of their children and neglect the shepherding of the heart. So, children may behave well when the parents are around, but when left on their own with friends, they are different people. Parents should pay attention to a child's heart orientation.

The same principle applies to Christian friendships and dating: in choosing your marriage partner, don't get caught up with the looks or outward appearance. If the Lord has not called you to single blessedness, the next biggest decision you will make after surrendering your life to Christ is choosing a lifetime partner in marriage. When doing so, look at the heart – a heart that seeks after God - not the looks or the height, which are bonuses. This is the secret to sparing yourself from unnecessary pain later on in life.

Focus on becoming a man or woman after God's own heart like David. When the time comes that the Lord leads you to your future spouse, you would be a precious gem, a priceless treasure to your future husband or future wife and to your children.

If you are already married and you discover that the person you married is a Mr. Eliab or Mrs. Eliab, the same principle applies but this time, look beyond the shortcomings of your spouse and focus on seeking the Lord to change your heart to be like that of David's – a heart that seeks after God. ~

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Call to worship ♦ Praise and worship ♦ Children dismissal ♦  
Sermon ♦ Response song ♦ Benediction



## ANNOUNCEMENT AND REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The Music Team will be have a get together on Sunday, Nov 12 after the service. If there are those interested in joining the team this is a great way to ask questions. Please see Marj for more details.

Please pray for the Leadership Planning and Retreat on November 24-25, 2017.



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Prayer Request/Answered Prayer

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