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“The Life of David”

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(Part 1)

God Chooses His Person

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(I Samuel 16-17)

The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of His people.

(I Samuel 13:14)

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Men are looking for better methods,
but God is looking for better men.

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- ◆ 2 Chronicles 16:2
- ◆ Isaiah 6:8
- ◆ Jeremiah 5:1
- ◆ Ezekiel 22:30

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(I Samuel 16-17)

Every initiative of faith to
extend the Kingdom of God
requires a hero of faith—a
man or woman of courage to
take the initiative for God.

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God Chooses His Person (1 Samuel 16-17)

The basis of God's choice:

- ◆ *The Lord looks on the heart...*
- ◆ Comparison of David and Eliab
(1 Samuel 16)
- ◆ Comparison of David and Saul
(1 Samuel 17)

David's Character Revealed (1 Samuel 17:1-50)

- ◆ David's motivation — expression of zeal for God's glory
- ◆ David's confidence — expression of His faith
- ◆ David's courage — rooted in his experience of God's faithfulness
- ◆ David's action — shaped by his understanding of God's ways

David's Character Revealed (1 Samuel 17:1-50)

Four encounters . . .

- ◆ The frightened soldiers (vs. 23-27)
- ◆ His indignant brother (vs. 28-30)
- ◆ The doubtful king (vs. 31-39)
- ◆ The scornful enemy (vs. 40-50)

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David's Encounter With
The Frightened Soldiers (vs. 23-27)

David's motivation was an expression of his zeal for God's glory.

David's Encounter With
The Frightened Soldiers (vs. 23-27)

Principle: We should not need special incentives to uphold the honor of God's name or to show zeal in taking initiatives for His glory.

David's Encounter With
The Frightened Soldiers (vs. 23-27)

Where is our passion for the honor of God . . . for the purposes of God?

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David's Encounter With His Indignant Brother (vs. 28-30)

David's confidence was an expression of his faith.

David's Encounter With His Indignant Brother (vs. 28-30)

Principle: Faith often looks like presumption to unbelief. We should not let fear of what people think or false modesty stop us from taking courageous acts of initiative for the Lord.

David's Encounter With His Indignant Brother (vs. 28-30)

- We need confidence:**
- ◆ Not self confidence or deluded presumption
 - ◆ Not wooly optimism
 - ◆ But faith in the living God

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David's Encounter With
His Indignant Brother (vs. 28-30)

*So do not throw away your
confidence; it will be richly
rewarded.*

Hebrews 10:35

David's Encounter With
The Doubtful King (vs. 31-39)

David's courage was rooted in
his experience of God's
faithfulness.

David's Encounter With
The Doubtful King (vs. 31-39)

*...I cannot go in these...because I
am not used to them.*

1 Samuel 17:39

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David's Encounter With The Doubtful King (vs. 31-39)

Principle: You cannot do in public, in a crisis, what you are not doing in private day by day.

David's Encounter With The Doubtful King (vs. 31-39)

In his hidden life as a shepherd, David:

- ◆ Lived life with God as his only audience
- ◆ Meditated on the character and nature of God
- ◆ Faithfully protected the lives of his sheep

David's Encounter With The Doubtful King (vs. 31-39)

In his hidden life as a shepherd, David:

- ◆ Cultivated courage and confidence in defeating lions and bears
- ◆ Developed deep convictions about God's faithfulness

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David's Encounter With
The Doubtful King (vs. 31-39)

*The people who know their God
shall stand firm and take action.*

Daniel 11:32

David's Encounter With
The Scornful Enemy (vs. 40-50)

**David's actions were shaped
by his understanding of
God's way of working.**

David's Encounter With
The Scornful Enemy (vs. 40-50)

**God uses surrendered
human weakness as a
channel for His power.**



MIKE AND CHRIS TRENEER

Biographical Sketch

Chris was born in Kampala, Uganda, the daughter of missionary parents. She came to personal faith in Christ through her father's death from leukemia when she was 11 years old. She was discipled by a Navigator while training as a nurse in London. Before their marriage Chris led a Navigator ministry to nurses at London's Westminster Hospital.

Mike came to faith in Christ through the Navigator student ministry in England. After graduating from University Mike continued his involvement in Navigator student work.

Mike and Chris were married in 1971 and joined the staff of the Navigators working with students at Southampton University and later leading the Navigator ministry in London.

Mike and Chris led the team that pioneered the Navigator work in Nigeria. They then moved to Nairobi, Kenya, where they lived for 16 years, while Mike led the Navigator work throughout sub-Saharan Africa. Mike and Chris traveled extensively throughout Africa, developing African leaders, teaching the Bible, shepherding missionaries and coaching in the pioneering of Navigator work in 20 countries.

They have devoted their lives to discipling singles and couples and have a wide experience of ministering in the United Kingdom and Africa and increasingly in many other parts of the world.

Mike and Chris now live in Colorado Springs where Mike is an International Vice-President of the Navigators. They have three adult children who are active in ministry. Ruth, the eldest, works with InterVarsity among international students in London; David is an engineer; and Anna is studying education.