

DAVID

Part 1: *The Reluctant Hero* - Andy Stanley

David went from humble shepherd to national hero to great king. But he wasn't great because of his reputation or military prowess. He was great because of where he'd learned to place his hope.

Changing Your Mind

"In you, Lord my God, I put my trust . . . My hope is in you all day long." - Psalm 25:1, 5

"You are righteous, Lord, and your laws are right. The statutes you have laid down are righteous; they are fully trustworthy." - Psalm 119:137-138

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - Romans 5:8

Discussion Questions

1. Talk about a time when you faced a seemingly insurmountable obstacle or unachievable goal. What did you do? Why did you do that? What happened?
2. How familiar were you with the story of David and Goliath prior to this message? What new insights, if any, did you take away from Andy's interpretation of the story? What qualities did you see in David? What about Goliath? Who do you want to be like? Why?
3. In what people and things are we tempted to place our hope? Why do we sometimes choose to trust in these things instead of God? What are some of the dangers of trusting those people or things? How can we begin to change our incorrect views about God's character? (Replace lies w/ truth)
4. Read Psalm 25:1-5. What are some things that make it difficult for you to trust God?
5. During the message, Andy said, *"Those whose hope is in the Lord see clearly, act confidently, and walk humbly."* To what extent do you need to increase the clarity, confidence, and humility in your life? Why did you answer the way you did? How can you begin to focus in on what you just mentioned?
6. What is one thing you can do this week to grow your trust in God? Explain why you chose that. How can this group support you?

Moving Forward

We place our hope in whatever or whomever we trust. People whose hope is in the Lord need not fear. They see clearly, act confidently, and walk humbly. Each day this week, consider praying the words of the Psalm that follows.