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# INTRODUCTION

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The worldly way of thinking has a man believing that asking for help is a serious breach of masculinity. We are told to “be a man” from a very tender age. Listed below are some ideas that may have been implanted into our psyche that impede us from considering mentoring relationships.

1. A man’s pride tells him to journey alone
2. A man’s heart tells him to remain quiet
3. A man’s mind tells him nobody will understand
4. A man’s emotions tell him to keep it under control

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **I. THE LONE RANGER SYNDROME**

#### **A. Go it alone?**

1. Lone Ranger – Tonto
2. Batman – Robin
3. Superman
4. John Wayne
5. Why do we as men think we don’t need anyone?

#### **B. Eccl. 4:9-12**

### **II. DAVID**

#### **A. Example of a warrior**

1. Before David appeared on the scene there was Jonathan (1 Sam. 14:6-14, 21-23)
  - i. Takes out 20 soldiers in a half-acre and gets Israel motivated again.
2. The Philistines don’t go away (1 Sam. 14:42a)
  - i. The armies of the Israelites and Philistines face each other from mountaintops with a valley between them. The Philistines are mighty arrogant.
  - ii. 1 Sam. 17:8-10 – The Philistines send out their champion for a taunting session that goes on for 40 days.
    - a. Goliath – The man mountain
    - b. Goliath is approximately 9’-6”
    - c. His coat of mail weighs about 169 lbs.
    - d. His spear tip alone weighs 19 lbs.
    - e. This guy is big, well trained and nasty
3. When no one else would, young David steps up
  - i. 1 Sam. 17:26, 37 & 40 - David’s confidence comes from the Lord.

- ii. 1 Sam. 17:45-47 – We know that David’s stone sinks into the forehead of the giant and David uses Goliath’s own sword to finish him off and remove his head.
- iii. The army of Israel routes the Philistines that day
- 4. Where was Jonathan? We’re not told.
  - i. Jonathan is not mentioned in chapters 15-17.
- 5. Jonathan finds a kindred spirit in David (1 Sam. 18:1-4)
  - i. KNIT – Now intertwined and stronger together than apart.
- 6. The love one warrior has for another (2 Sam. 1:25-26)

### **B. Example of a king**

- 1. David was a great king and trusted in God (1 Chr. 14:17; 2 Sam. 5:10)
- 2. David was a benevolent king (2 Sam. 6:18-19)
- 3. David made mistakes
  - i. 2 Sam. 11:2-5 – Commits adultery with Bathsheba
  - ii. 2 Sam. 11:6-25 – Wickedly causes the death of Uriah
- 4. David had a tender heart
  - i. Acts 13:22 – This is a characteristic God looked for in a king
- 5. David had a repentant heart
  - i. 1 Sam. 24:5 – Disrespecting of King Saul
  - ii. 2 Sam. 12:13 – Confessing his sins of adultery and murder
  - iii. 2 Sam. 24:10 – Concerning the numbering of Israel
  - iv. Ps. 32:1-5 – The overall disposition of David’s heart

### **C. Example of a mentor**

- 1. 2 Sam. 23 – Had appointed 37 mighty men
- 2. 1 Kings 2:1-4 – He instructed his son Solomon

### **CONCLUSION:**

- 1. Leave a legacy! What are we leaving behind?
  - i. A map?
  - ii. A diary or journal?
  - iii. A way of life?
  - iv. Footprints?
  - v. We aren’t always going to be there to hold someone’s hand.
- 2. Follow Jesus!
  - i. Phi. 3:17
  - ii. 1 Cor. 11:1

Future generations don’t need concrete and steel monuments, they need someone clearing the path and pointing the way home.