



## *bloodline* network newsletter

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### **AWAKENING GOD CONSCIOUSNESS**

And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and ability, in understanding and intelligence, and in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship, to devise skillful works. EXODUS

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave ... ECCLESIASTES

Solomon wrote that “whatever you do, do it with your might.” Why second guess yourself or feel uncomfortable at your failings and shortcomings? God is in you so you can be SURE of yourself; CERTAIN of what you do; CONFIDENT that you are able to do the right thing at the right time and in the right way. This is the opposite of feeling self-conscious or afraid of making a mistake.

Every day you make choices—even when you don’t make one it’s really a choice. Most choices are made subconsciously—you learn to respond a certain way and it becomes habit. Defining moments happen when YOU CHOOSE what you’ll do. Choosing AWAKENS God-consciousness—releasing the full Source of Almighty Power in your life.

You can train yourself to make good choices (decisions) by using what’s in your hand—within your God-given ability and power. Those with physical dexterity possess spontaneous expertise in certain areas. This is also true if it’s mental dexterity—they acquire an adroitness or resourcefulness and know what to do in difficult or dangerous situations.

Crisis comes from the Greek word that means decisive, or point of decision. You come to a juncture or crossroad and must decide what you'll do next. Often the decision becomes a turning point in your life—it either gets better or worse.

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. JOEL 2:14)

What began as a crisis (a moment that needs an immediate decisive answer) ends as an opportunity that propels you further along your life's journey—a supernatural 'suddenly.' Each crisis represents another opportunity to accomplish something linked to your ultimate purpose in God.

Saul was anointed king of Israel by the Prophet Samuel and expected to obey God's Word. But Saul is SELF-CONSCIOUS—in his words he is a respecter of persons. Saul said, "*I feared the people and obeyed their voice.*" He loses the throne because he feared the disapproval of the brethren more than the approval of God and was rejected. (Note: Self-consciousness is included in wholeness. It's only when you avoid doing things because of fear of failing or because of what others may think of you that it's unhealthy.)

A crisis has the ability to revolutionize your life by creating breakthrough moments that define your character and purpose. These CHOICE moments witness of 'who you are' in Christ—and the culmination of many personal victories along the way. David experienced a CRISIS moment when he was still a young lad—his decision transformed his life from shepherd boy to a mighty man of war.

"The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath ... He stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us ... I defy the armies of Israel this day: give me a man, that we may fight together." 1 SAMUEL

God drew a striking illustration between God-consciousness and self-consciousness. Using the human palette of emotions and fears, God paints the struggles that dramatically accentuate the glorious victory... Similar mountains frame the silhouettes of competing armies, but one contender seems drawn outside the lines of normal perspective—Goliath stands well above the height of any Philistine. Yet in comparison, we know another man (if he ever comes out of his tent) is also drawn above measure and would counter balance the opposition. Of King Saul it is written, "*there was not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.*" We can only imagine the visual contrast of handsome King Saul against the heathen Goliath.

With a backdrop of weakness and limitation that contrasts the stature and strength of its leaders, the armies of both sides array for battle. The champion Goliath challenged

ONE man to fight for the fate of its nation. But no one comes forward to fight Goliath. When Goliath spoke again, *“the men of Israel fled from him and were dreadfully afraid.”* Goliath was a formidable opponent and there was not a man there that dared face him alone.

Into the composition walks a young man whose purity and innocence significantly contrasts the men of war. The Creative brush of the Divine already equalized Saul and David by anointing them both as kings. Although the ruling King Saul felt inadequate to fight against Goliath—the young, secretly anointed King David fearlessly overcame all shortcomings by standing on JUST CAUSE—*“for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?”*

Young David originally came up to the war camp to bring provisions for his brothers but the threats of Goliath against the armies of Israel infuriated him. His annoyed brother darkened David's hopeful words by sketching a gloomy comparison. He portrays David as a youth boasting the courage of a seasoned soldier—yet not reliable enough to take care of a few sheep in the backyard. The questioning of David's motives highlights the differences between the compositions—balancing a large army against a few sheep—the character of an unassuming youth against the dangers of a proud and insolent man of war.

Young David visited the camp by his father's request but after hearing the defiant Goliath, he spoke out in righteous indignation saying, *“Is there not a cause?”* David was fearless in his pursuit of righteousness and speaks to King Saul, *“Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”* He did not see Goliath as a GIANT but considered the uncircumcised Philistine an ANIMAL. Since God already helped him kill a lion and a bear—why not this DOG!

Saul's battle raiment was offered to David but declined because he had not personally tested it. David knew he could kill Goliath with a stone—a weapon he'd already dexterously proved in his hand. Poised to recognize the moment, David knew what to do and seized the opportunity. He held possibility in his bare hands and fearlessly ran towards his destiny declaring:

“You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the Name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defiled. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all the assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with the sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give it into our hands.”

So passionate is David in his desire to kill the heathen Goliath that King Saul and his armies are willing to lay the providence of a nation into his hands. Who would send a boy into harms way unless totally convinced he could succeed? Why is young David fearless when it realistically looks hopeless? David's fearlessness came from focusing on

principle. He wisely responds to what was spoken—not measuring opposition by its outward appearance but by the OVERPOWERING Word of God.

God-consciousness inspires possibility. Enthused the young lad stood in the valley (the gap) empowered with divine courage to defeat Goliath. He was not conscious of the insurmountable odds against him—never even saw himself as too young or inexperienced to kill Goliath. David viewed Goliath TOO BIG A TARGET TO MISS! If God helped him kill a bear and a lion that threatened his little flock, then surely God would empower him to prevail over a fearsome 'dog' attacking the sheep of the House of Israel!

Scripture portrays the giant Goliath with a sword, spear and javelin fighting against a boy racing towards his destiny with only a sling and five smooth stones! It was the unseen arsenal of the divine that secretly tipped the scales into young David's favor. The substance of his heart made him victorious—he ran in “*the Name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel*” and mightily prevailed!

This was David's decisive moment. His fearlessness caused a tremendous pivotal point that spilled over into a new life for him. David never went back to his few sheep. Instead “*Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people*”—women sang and danced over his great accomplishments!

What are you facing? Are you self-consciously hiding in your tent (in your ‘self’) afraid of what others might say or that you’ll fail again? Is it possible that this is meant to revolutionize your life—propelling you into your future in a better way that changes you forever?

It’s in crisis moments that you’re transformed—the divine moment when you fearlessly endeavor to stand in the gap regardless of consequences and rise up empowered. God is the guiding force in your courageousness. Like David, you are a weapon of His righteousness and destined to accomplish His will in the earth. You recognize His CAUSE and BELIEVE “*the battle is the Lord's and He will give it into your hands.*”

“No weapon formed against you shall prosper,  
And every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment  
You shall condemn.  
This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD,  
And their righteousness *is* from Me,”  
says the LORD.” Isaiah 54:17

You are like David—fearless and Beloved by God. David relied on God and that relationship made him mighty. God expects the same for you.

David never saw the small stones in his hand as insignificant but rather MIGHTY in God to the pulling down of strongholds! What God's artistic eye highlights in your composition are His STRENGTHS. Your life becomes much more meaningful with every decision you make.

Spread before you is a blank canvas—a new page of His-story. You have opportunity to make things happen today. Your CHOICES determine the color and definition that illumines who you are. Each brush stroke is an experience that's eternally captured. You can train your eyes to see the Hand of God in operation in your life ... and when you do—you witness Divine Intervention on a daily basis.

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