

“The Right and Wrong Ways of Passing the Baton”
I Samuel 17
Sept. 9, 2012
(Scripture Reading -17:1-11)

RIGHT WAYS

1. Serve one another. (17:17-18)
2. Sacrifice for one another. (17:32)
3. See God at work in every situation. (17:37,45,47)
4. Submit to God’s unique plan and resources. (17:40)

WRONG WAYS

1. Struggle with one another. (17:28a)
2. Be suspicious of one another.
(17:28b)
3. Be sarcastic toward one another.
(17:33,42,43)
4. Be stubborn and insist on our ways.
(17:38-39)

Application:

1. In what way can you unselfishly serve someone from a different generation this week? In what areas do you tend to struggle when you observe a different generation?
2. Take time this week to listen to someone from a different generation and learn what God is doing in their lives. Be intentional in your prayers this week for someone in a different generation.

Bible Study Questions/ Discussion
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1. Do you have good memories or difficult memories of older siblings and their treatment of you? How did you treat them? David encounters some difficult challenges with people older than himself. This week we want to find better ways to relate to different generations.
2. How did Eliab respond to David's arrival to the battlefield? (I Sam. 17:28) Family conflict can be very difficult. (Prov. 18:19) Why had David come? (17:17-18) Discuss how different perspectives can cause conflict. How does "prejudice" or pre-judging someone's motives impact your conflicts?
3. Eliab said that he knew what was in David's heart. Is this possible? Why do we tend to say this to people when we are upset with them? What was in David's heart? (Ps. 131:1) David saw the fear of the men of Israel. What message should we give to one another when we observe fear or discouragement? (Isa. 12:2; Ps. 27:1; Isa. 35:4) Discuss ways that we can speak words of encouragement to different generations.
4. What was Saul's first response to David when he volunteered? (33) What was Goliath's first response when he saw David? (42-43) Have you ever seen a teenager or an older person that you quickly pre-judged? Where was David's confidence? (17:37, 45,47)
5. What did Saul try to give to David to help him in the battle? (38-39) In what ways do we try to make a different generation fit our methods and expectations? Did Saul know ahead of time that his armor was too big? (I Sam. 9:2) David was not trusting in external weapons. What was he trusting in?(Zech. 4:6; 2 Chron. 32:8; Prov. 28:1)
6. Discuss the slaying of Goliath with a sling and a stone. How can we better encourage our youth to go out and slay some giants?
7. What has been your biggest hindrance in encouraging other generations? Share a time when you received encouragement from someone in a different generation. Pray for one another.