

Fighters

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1 Samuel 17:29

And David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?"

When I was in kindergarten I asked a girl named Karen Detreick to marry me. She told me no stating, "I want to live my life." I still don't know what that means but I never forgot it. When I was in 1st grade the school bully, a boy affectionately known as Booger, began to pick on kids in my class. As we stood in line waiting to go inside from recess, Booger threw rocks at 1st grader friend's skulls. Righteous indignation flared up inside of me. However, no one, and I mean NO ONE, stood up to the behemoth Booger. Fear crippled all of us until Booger made a grave mistake. He hit Karen Detreick in the back of the head with what must have been a boulder and she cried. Without hesitation, I picked up a stick, walked up behind Booger, and *smitteth the mighty bully*. After Booger absorbed the blow, I quickly received the worst beat down of my entire life. It was worth it. My cause was bigger than my opposition.

David was the youngest of seven and his occupation was nothing more than herding sheep. His stature and reputation were nothing to brag about but he had one thing going for him; he had a heart for God. David

was so passionate about His God; the Bible refers to David as "a man after God's own heart."

As David's brothers are called off to war, David stays at home tending to his sheep. His brothers are standing on the edge of disaster because a giant named Goliath is threatening to annihilate Israel. When David makes a trip to bring his brothers' food he finds the entire army scared to challenge the behemoth Goliath. Righteous indignation flared up in his heart. He makes a statement that I hope can resonate inside each one of us; "Is there not a cause?"

Our passion for the kingdom of God needs to be greater than the perceived size of our opposition. We need students and student leaders that will have a fight rise up inside of their heart. A fight that says; I won't let my youth group backslide, I refuse to see my family and friends lost, I won't let the enemy torment my friends any longer, I won't back down in my commitments to God.

Our cause is greater than our opposition...
We need fighters.