

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

1. Spend 10 minutes discussing this week's talk. What resonated with you the most?
2. How can we make sure that we are listening to the Master instead of the critics in our lives?
3. Why is it important to keep our mouth shut with the critics in our lives? What can happen when we don't?
4. How does the Bible tell us to provide feedback or constructive criticism? Read Ephesians 4:15 and 2 Timothy 2:24-25.
5. Read Hebrews 10:23, Romans 4:21, Joshua 23:14, and Psalm 119:49-50. What do these verses have to say about God and His promises? How can this help us in moving forward in God's mission when the critics are speaking?
6. In the four areas that were discussed in defeating the critics: Listening to the Master, Staying on mission, Keeping your mouth shut, and Focus on the promise, which one do you feel you struggle with the most? What can you do to grow in this area?

Action Step:

Listen to the Master. Take time this week reading about those who had faith and left the Legacy God had for them to leave. Write down what God is showing you through these verses.

Day 1: Hebrews 11:1-6

Day 2: Hebrews 11:7-12

Day 3: Hebrews 11:13-19

Day 4: Hebrews 11:20-23

Day 5: Hebrews 11:24-31

Day 6: Hebrews 11:32-38

Day 7: Hebrews 11:39-12:3



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The Greatest Words You Will Ever Hear (continued)

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Matthew 25:21 CEV

Before you can leave a legacy, you have to slay some giants.

1. Postponement

Now David was the son of...whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons..And the three oldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. And David was the youngest: and the three oldest followed Saul. But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

1 Samuel 17:12-15 AKJV

2. Opposition

Goliath stood and called to the Israelites, "Why do you form a battle line? Am I not a Philistine, and aren't you Saul's servants? Choose a man, and let him come down to [fight] me. If he can fight me and kill me, then we will be your slaves. But if I overpower him and kill him, then you will be our slaves and serve us." The Philistine added, "I challenge the Israelite battle line today. Send out a man so that we can fight each other." When Saul and all the Israelites heard what this Philistine said, they were gripped with fear.

1 Samuel 17:8-11 GWT

The Philistine came out every morning and evening and stood before the Israelite army. Goliath insulted Israel like this for 40 days.

1 Samuel 17:16 ERV

While David was talking with his brothers, the Philistine champion fighter came out from the Philistine army. This was Goliath, the Philistine from Gath. Goliath shouted things against Israel as usual. David heard what he said. The Israelite soldiers saw Goliath and ran away. They were all afraid of him.

1 Samuel 17:23-24 ERV

3. Condemnation

But when David's oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. "What are you doing a round here anyway?" he demanded. "What about those few sheep you're supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!" "What have I done now?" David replied. "I was only asking a question!"

1 Samuel 17:28-29 NLT

4. Disbelief

"Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!" "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth."

1 Samuel 17:33 NLT

How to defeat the critic.

1. _____

Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned; I have indeed transgressed the command of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and listened to their voice."

1 Samuel 15:24 NASB

"Do not fear anything except the Lord Almighty. He alone is the Holy One. If you fear him, you need fear nothing else!"

Isaiah 8:13 NLT

2. _____

I realized they were plotting to harm me, so I replied by sending this message to them: "I am engaged in a great work, so I can't come. Why should I stop working to come and meet with you?" Four times they sent the same message, and each time I gave the same reply.

Nehemiah 6:3-4 NLT

The workers who were carrying loads did the work with one hand and held their weapons with the other, and each builder had his sword fastened to his side.

Nehemiah 4:17-18 GWT

3. _____

It is foolish to speak scornfully of others. If you are smart, you will keep quiet.

Proverbs 11:12 TEV

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3:9 NIV

"So do not be afraid of people. Whatever is now covered up will be uncovered, and every secret will be made known."

Matthew 10:26 GNT

4. _____

Let your blessings reach me, O LORD. Save me as you promised. Then I will have an answer for the one who insults me since I trust your word.

Psalms 119:41-42 GWT

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