

BEHIND THE SCENES // Week 3

INTRO // Hey Welcome to Faith Students! Tell the person next to you, you belong here.

HEART OF SERIES // It can sometimes leave us asking the tough moments of life, where is God? How is he moving? But that's the catch, we serve a God who often works behind the scenes to work all things together for good. Through this series, we will be walking through moments in the bible, when God works behind the scenes, works things together for good, and what we can take away from it.

ILLUSTRATION // Share a story of when you or someone you know tried to be something they weren't. (I'm sharing the story of when my cousin was trying to be a thug lol)

TENSION // All of us have had a moment in our lives when we tried our best to be something we are not. It's even harder to walk into everything we were created to be, especially in our faith. So the question today is how do I become everything God is calling me to be? Where do I start? What's my next step?

SCRIPTURE // 1 Samuel 17:34-40

³⁴But David said to Saul, 'Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.'

Saul said to David, 'Go, and the Lord be with you.'

³⁸Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armour on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

'I cannot go in these,' he said to Saul, 'because I am not used to them.' So he took them off. ⁴⁰Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

MAIN POINT // What God refines in private, He will utilize in public to reverberate (echo) his Glory.

EMPHASIS 1 // God Develops in the Dark (unseen).

- **ILLUSTRATION // Talk through how: Film develops, A seed In dirt, a baby in a womb, how faith grows.**
 - **What all of these have in common is they are developed in the unseen place**
 - **Just like these, what is done behind the scenes is the most crucial part of growth.**
- **OBSERVATION //**
 - **Vs 37 - The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.'**
 - Daniel's confidence came from knowing God and seeing His faithfulness when no one else was around to see it.
 - Daniel in a low influence moment (only a shepherd) was influenced by God and what was done in the dark came to light.
- **APPLICATION //**

- In the same way, our relationship with God behind closed doors is the most important part of our faith walk because what is done in the dark will come to light.
- **CHALLENGE //**
 - What are you doing in the dark (the unseen)? If Jesus was there would He be proud?
 - What are some things that need to be changed behind closed doors?
 - This week in your alone time, spend some time with Jesus. He will help you, develop you, change you.

EMPHASIS 2 // Just Be You.

- **OBSERVATION //**
 - Vs 38-39 - Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armour on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. 'I cannot go in these,' he said to Saul, 'because I am not used to them.' So he took them off.
 - David wasn't trying to be something he was not. He used what he was used to.
 - David knew God so he was confident in who he was.
- **APPLICATION //**
 - When you know God you will also know yourself.
 - When there's no intimacy with God, we lack identity, and when we lack identity, imitation will be our default.
 - God can bless the real you, so be yourself!
- **CHALLENGE //**
 - What are some influencers and people you try to be like?
 - Are you confident in being yourself?
 - This week, God is ____ so I am _____. statements and put them on your wall. Read them every morning.

EMPHASIS 3 // Do It Again.

- **OBSERVATION //**
 - Vs 40 - Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.
 - What is awesome about this story is what David always did when no one was looking, is what he did when everyone was looking.
- **APPLICATION //**
 - In the same way, when we are developed by God in private, we can be confident in public.
 - The same way you pray for your friends, read your word, pray for healing, practice intimacy with God behind closed doors, pray with your friends, boldly speak the word around your friends, pray with people with confidence, and live out a Godly life in public!
- **CHALLENGE //**
 - Keep that same energy! (What you practice in private, project it in public)
 - **This week pray with someone, boldly preach the gospel, and live out a Godly lifestyle.**

ALTARS WITH ACTION //

- Salvation
- Call that involves everyone