

Daily Devotion For January 10, 2021

“But David said to Saul, ‘[I have] been keeping [my] father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I 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.’” I Samuel 17:34-35

Last night I was watching the NFC playoff game between the Washington Redskins and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. I was interested in the game because the Head Coach of Washington is Ron Rivera from Monterey and the Quarterback Coach for Tampa Bay is Clyde Christensen.

Clyde’s father, Rev. Dick Christensen was my pastor in college and a mentor to me. Clyde has coached Hall of Fame Quarterbacks such as Peyton Manning and now Tom Brady. Before becoming a professional football league coach, Clyde faithfully made his way through the ranks coaching at the Junior College, then college ranks until he made his way to the National Football league.

I Samuel 17:34-35 tells us that David used opportunities as a shepherd—a low-level job—to prepare himself for bigger moments, like when he faced Goliath in battle. He knew God had equipped him to do things by killing lions and bears. David didn’t know the battle with Goliath was upcoming, but he focused on being faithful where he was day by day.

Thought For Today: David’s day by day faithfulness to God lead him from being a lowly shepherd to King of Israel. In the midst of what may seem an ordinary lowly day, God is preparing you for great things for his kingdom. Are you being faithful to God in your day by day situation?

Today’s Prayer Focus: Pray for today’s worship service that the Lord would be honored and glorified. Continue to pray this week’s prayer fuel. Deo Volente.