

Courageous: Part 2- In The Meantime

1 Samuel 16:14-23

I. ME

- A. Welcome/Online/So What About?
- B. Series
 - 1. We all want our version of ordinary
 - a. Explain
 - b. Then things get in the way... everyday
 - 2. Ordinary is a myth
 - 3. Another option... The Courageous Life... we don't always know what the plan is but we choose the adventure of taking the next step and trusting that God's plan is better.

II. WE

- A. That sounds great but...
 - 1. It doesn't FEEL like an adventure...
 - 2. In fact, it feels like I'm doing a lot of waiting.
 - 3. Most of the time we are just trying to get through our current "ordinary" today so that we can reach our ideal ordinary "Some Day."
 - 4. Right now our ordinary is just... Same routine, problems, people.
 - 5. And we long for the time when we can finally break the ordinary cycle and do something great or at least better than today... we long for SOMEDAY.
 - a. **The life we want someday is never the life we have now.**

- B. So we wait... we wait for when we can finally have and do what we dream of...
 - 1. Someday... when I get out of the house
 - 2. Someday... when I graduate
 - 3. Someday... When I get married/have kids/kids are in school
 - 4. Someday... when we are more stable
 - 5. Someday... When I get the promotion/retire

C. **Waiting for Someday squanders Today.**

- D. B/c Someday is a myth

- 1. Someday will never happen the way you want it to and there will always be another someday.
- 2. BUT... If you can change how you view your "ordinary" days today you can lay the groundwork for your actual tomorrow.
- 3. Something the Ancient King David learned as a kid...
- 4. **What we do in the meantime will have an impact for a lifetime.**
- 5. David chose to defy the ordinary and not waste his today by longing for his someday.

E. David

- 1. Around 900 BC
- 2. Anointed the next king of Israel.
- 3. Problem is... there already is a king of Israel.
- 4. Saul- Rejected by God/Still in charge of nation.
- 5. But David refused to waste his today by waiting for someday.

III. GOD (1 Samuel 16:18-23)

A. Recap

- 1. David is anointed by Samuel
- 2. Goes back to sheep

B. Paraphrase v. 14-17 (Meanwhile)

- 1. God's Spirit has left Saul.
- 2. Replaced by an evil/tormenting spirit
 - a. Explain that a bit.
- 3. Attendants recommend finding someone who can play music for him while he is in his fits.
- 4. Saul says, "Find one."

C. V. 18

1. Think about this... David was anointed by the prophet of God to be the next king... and what does he do?
2. What would I do?
 - a. Tell everyone, build an army, take the crown.
 - b. Start making drawings of my palace
 - c. At least start building up a following and try to undermine the current leadership
 - d. Someday when I'm in charge!
3. What did David do?
 - a. Went back to the sheep.
4. He didn't try to force his future... but he didn't just sit around and wait for someday either.
5. Look at how the servant describes him...
6. **"Brave man and strong warrior."**
 - a. How would he know this?
 - b. Israel surrounded by enemies (Philistines)
 - c. Often border skirmishes.
 - d. David probably was helping protect his village/helping those he was around with what he could.
 - e. He was serving today and it prepared him for more tomorrow.
7. **"Speaks well... and the Lord is with Him"**
 - a. Wasn't moping around, "I should be king. Not watching these dumb sheep. Or protecting this tiny village."
 - b. He was leading even though he didn't have a title.
 - c. He was serving even though he was the chosen one.
8. He didn't just settle into the ordinary life of routine... he did what he could where he was with what he had.

D. V. 19-20

1. David- "Why am I taking gifts to Saul? I'm the anointed one now! I should be taking an army and give Saul the cold edge of my blade."
 2. Nope. Obeyed his dad.
 3. Didn't force God's timing... something we'll see over and over.
 4. David trusted God's promise and knew God would fulfill it in His timing.
 - a. God is like a wizard... He's never late. Nor is He early. He arrives precisely when He means to
 5. And b/c David had the courage to trust God's timing, he became part of the inner circle of the king's court...
 - a. Gained experience that he would never have gotten elsewhere and experience that would be very useful in the future.
- #### E. V. 21
1. Not what I would do.
 2. David served so well that Saul really liked him.
 3. Picture it... David knows he's been anointed as the next king... he's serving the rejected king who is having fits of torment.
 4. What would you/I do?
 - a. I'd leak it to the press.
 - b. "Look how weak and crazy this guy is..."
 - c. "The only one holding him together is me... by the way has anyone talked to Samuel lately..."
 5. David? Served so well the king was impressed.
 6. **Armor-bearer-** Not just carry his armor, but protect him in battle.
 - a. Easily could've let Saul be injured or at least tripped him and said, "Oh man you should retire you don't have what it takes."
 7. David had the courage to faithfully serve today instead of sit around, pout, scheme for someday.
 8. "I am here now... it's obviously not my time to lead... what can I do?"

F. V. 22-23

1. Kept at it day after day and become an important servant of Saul.
2. Allowed him to be in the right place at the right time... as we'll see next week.

IV. YOU

- A. What are you wasting today by waiting for someday?
1. When I get that promotion then I'll take time to be with the kids
 2. When the kids are older then I'll work on my marriage
 3. When this busy season is over, then I'll contribute.
 4. What are you wasting today by waiting for an ideal someday?
- B. **Waiting for someday is easy.** It's the ordinary choice... why? B/c that someday never happens and you never have to do anything different.
1. You never have to change, you never have to risk... you get to stay safe in your ordinary.
 2. And it lulls you into wasting the time, relationships, and resources you have been given.
 3. Defy the ordinary... choose the courageous life and do what you can where you are with what you have.
- C. **Ask yourself.... Where am I and what do I have?** Take a realistic assessment.
- D. David- Refused to waste his ordinary days
1. He looked at where he was... Bethlehem/In service to Saul.
 2. What he had... Spirit of God and fighting skills
 3. And saw what he could do... serve
 4. And it not only prepared him for his future it made a difference right then and there.
- E. **Where are you?**
1. Low rung at work?
 2. Boss?

3. At home with kids?
4. School?
5. Retired?
6. You are not there by mistake. **You are where you are NOW for a reason NOW.**
7. Where have you been placed? That is where you can make the most impact now.
8. Don't waste the opportunity to make today an adventure and to lay the groundwork for tomorrow.

F. **What do you have?**

1. Time/Money/Talent/ Experiences/Wisdom
2. Use them now. Don't waste them by waiting until the ideal someday happens.
3. Use them in your ordinary today so they are refined for and invested in an extraordinary tomorrow.
4. **You have what you have NOW for a reason NOW**

G. **What can you do?**

1. Take **where** you are now and **what** you have now and figure out what you can do... NOW
2. It might not be everything you want for your ordinary/ideal future.
3. But it might help you prepare for it.
4. **What we do in the meantime will have an impact for a lifetime.**

H. **SYF WORKSHOP**

- I. Defy the ordinary and have the courage to make today matter. Use what you have where you are NOW

V. WE

- A. How much time, how many opportunities have you wasted by simply saying... "Someday... When I have or when I can or when I am?"
1. Looking back, how much could you have accomplished or enjoyed or grown if you had chosen to defy the trap of the ordinary someday and did what you could with what you had where you were?

2. What if you hadn't pushed to make your ideal someday happen but had trusted God's timing and made an impact in the meantime?
3. Can't change the past... but you can change your today and your tomorrow.
4. This is not an ordinary day and it's not an ordinary week.

B. Maybe it's time to stop saying, "Someday I'll give following Jesus a try."

1. "Someday when I know more, not so busy, things settle down..."
2. Someday never comes...
3. Choose today to be the day that you made the choice that will change everyday.

C. What if you were purposeful in using your meantime to make a difference for a lifetime?

1. Would that change how you view your rushed mornings?
2. Would that change your view of your over-scheduled week?
3. Would that change how you saw the routine of your workday?
4. Would that change how you acted in the "disagreements" with your significant other or kids?

D. Defy the ordinary and be extraordinary in the meantime

E. Someday is a myth. Defy the ordinary today.