

Pastoral Notes

'You Don't Know My Story'
1 Samuel 17:28-37

I believe **all of us share, in common, the experience of having someone judge us, who really don't know us.** Perhaps it's the clothes we wear, the car we drive or marks on our body, that lead people to make assumptions about us that may bear no merit. **They may be able to see the cover of your book, and see your glory, but they really 'don't know your story'.**

Key Sermonic Points

1. *Naysayers should be NO-Sayers*
2. *We must spiritually fight for what is right*
3. *People may OPINE you but don't let the DEFINE you*

Your story begins with God and will end with God. But in between, you have life experiences, good and bad, that are uniquely your own. Those events are what shape you and explain **who** you are and **why** you are the way you are. Sometimes we are good at masking problems in our lives and at making things look easier than they are. The truth be told (and ya'll know I've got's to tell the truth - ebonics), it is not easy being you just as it is not easy being me.

Just as David was mocked and criticized by his

own family, so too should you expect to be. Don't let it bother you because those people 'don't know your story'. They may know parts but not the whole story. **As David did, maintain your faith and confidence in God, leaning on prior experiences where he brought you through.** If God be for you, who can be against you? (Rom 8:31).

Don't let naysayers impact your decisions, nor your expectations. Rely on what the Holy Spirit tells you. Let God guide you through battles and lead you

to your victory. **Don't let people put you in a small box conducive to their small mind.** They will always offer opinions of what you should and shouldn't do; what you can and can't do, but they are not the final arbiter, God is.

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Stay Blessed,
Pastor Robbie

Nuggets:

- People will subject you to their opinions, prejudices & biases, but they don't know your story.
- People who know your name don't really know your whole story
- People on your job don't know the story of all it took for you to get hired.
- When you are victorious, don't take credit for yourself, give God the glory.
- Jesus knows your whole story for he is the author and finisher of your faith.