

Class 3  
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# WARRIOR™

A CALL TO EVERY MAN EVERYWHERE



**“...THEY WERE BRAVE WARRIORS, READY FOR BATTLE...”**

I Chronicles 12:8

# The Story of Saul (ch 2)

- Started well enough ...
  - Humble
  - Decisive
  - Led and empowered by the Spirit
- Then went off track ...
  - Insecurity
  - Anger
  - Fear
  - Faithlessness
  - Usurped God's authority
  - Made excuses
  - Poor judgement
  - Selfish ambition

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# The Story of Saul (ch 2)

- Saul was blind to his character flaws and it hurt him.
- Consider this statement: *“We must first know ourselves before we can deny ourselves”*. Why is this true? Why is self knowledge important to us as warriors?

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# The Story of David (ch 3)

*“A man after God’s own heart”*

- He cared about what God cared about (Acts 13:22)
- He poured out his heart to God (Psalm 142:1-2)
- He spent time with God
- He was full of praise and thanksgiving for God
- He deeply trusted God (Psalm 23:4-5)

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# Heart Matters ...

- What made David's heart different to Saul's?
- Remember the day you were baptised into Christ. What was your heart like then?
- **Hebrews 3:7-11**. What is the condition of your heart today? Is it humble and easily convicted of sin, or has it become hard?
- **Psalms 25:16-18**. Is your heart burdened with anxiety or become faint?

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# Drawing close to God

*“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)*

How did David build a close relationship with God?

- He sought God’s face/he longed to know him
- He spoke aloud to God/cried out to him
- He prayed on his knees
- He lifted up his hands
- He prayed in various places
- He expressed his emotions to God

*“David sought the face of God, and God graciously turned, looked, and smiled upon him. My brothers, God longs to do the same for you and me”.*

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# Key Learning points

Nothing reveals my relationship with God more than my prayer life. Prayer is the heartbeat of my relationship with God.

Superficiality may be the single greatest problem that I have in my life, and in my walk with God. If I am superficial, I cannot have a walk with God.

I can't be a warrior of God unless He has my whole heart – He must be my first and greatest love.

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# Key Learning Points (cont)

My heart is the real me. It is the deepest part of my soul, my core, the essence of who I am. It encompasses the entirety of my being - not just what I do but who I am.

I can decide to have a good heart. I can choose to open my closed heart and soften my hard heart - and when I do so, God responds; he comes to my aid (Psalm 51). I can have a heart like David's!

A good heart means knowing that I don't always have one, and that I need God's help to get there.

**Knowing God must be the heartbeat behind all that I am, all that I do, and all that I need to become. It must be my life.**

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# Warrior Training

## (before 3 May)

1. Meditate on **Psalm 27** and answer the questions provided
2. **Prayer challenge** - Pray in each of these ways before the next warrior class:
  - a) Find a private place and pray aloud
  - b) Go on a prayer walk or pray outside
  - c) Pray on your knees with your hands raised
  - d) Arise before dawn and pray
  - e) Select a Psalm and pray through it e.g. Ps 25, 40, 86, 103, 143, 145
3. Plan two exploits/adventures from the **Battle Plan in ch 6** – one with you and God and one with another brother/s (share at next meeting)
4. Complete the **Battle Plan in ch 7** (share at next meeting)
5. Share your progress and what you are learning from the above, in your next **discipling time**

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# Warrior Reading Plan

5 - 14 April	:	Chapter 1
14 - 19 April	:	Chapters 2,3,4
19 - 3 May	:	Chapters 5,6,7
3 - 6 May	:	Chapters 8,9,10
6 - 17 May	:	Chapters 11,12,13
17 - 31 May	:	Chapters 14,(15/16/17)
31 - 3 June	:	Chapters 18,19

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# My Warrior Commitment

I hereby commit to this group with the faithful goal to grow as a **Mighty Warrior** for my God.



I will make every effort to attend Warrior meetings



I will diligently prepare for Warrior meetings



I will eagerly and openly participate in Warrior discussions



I will commit to carry out Warrior decisions I make before the Lord



I will work on deepening friendships with other men in the group