

**BOOT CAMP: EQUIPPING MEN OF
INTEGRITY FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

CHAPTER 11:

Hypocrisy

WHAT WE LOOK LIKE IDENTIFIES WHOSE SIDE WE ARE ON!!



DO YOU
CLEARLY
LOOK LIKE
YOU BELONG
TO GOD'S
ARMY???



- “Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.” (Luke 12.2–3)

THE STORY OF BENEDICT ARNOLD

- BRILLIANT OFFICER WHO SERVED IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
- PASSED OVER MANY TIMES FOR PROMOTION AND UNRECOGNIZED FOR HIS EFFORTS BECAUSE OF “POLITICS”
- PLOTTED TO HAND OVER WEST POINT FORT FOR A COMMISSION IN THE BRITISH ARMY
- DISCOVERED AND HAD TO FLEE THE U.S. AS A TRAITOR
- DESPITE HIS MANY VICTORIES AND BRAVERY IN BATTLE HE IS ONLY REMEMBERED TODAY AS A TRAITOR.

SPIRITUAL BENEDICT ARNOLD

- MAYBE IN THE BEGINNING YOU SERVED THE LORD WITH A PURE HEART
- BUT YOU THINK YOUR SERVICE TO GOD WAS NOT RECOGNIZED
- OR SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT YOU THOUGHT WAS UNFAIR OR UNDESERVED AND YOU BELIEVED GOD FORGOT ABOUT YOU AND ALL YOU HAD DONE
- SLOWLY YOUR ALLEGIANCES CHANGE AND AFFECTIONS MOVE. WE MIGHT HOLD UP APPEARANCES OF BEING A CHRISTIAN

- WE HAVE A WORD FOR THIS IN THE WORLD TODAY...HYPOCRITE
- HYPOCRITE MEANS LITERALLY “ONE WHO IS TWO FACED” OR ACTS ONE WAY BUT INSIDE IS ANOTHER WAY.
- THIS IS DAMAGING TO THE CHURCH AND ITS REPUTATION.
- THE RESULT IS MANY SPIRITUAL BENEFACTORS.

- FOR IT IS NOT AN ENEMY WHO TAUNTS ME— THEN I COULD BEAR IT; IT IS NOT AN ADVERSARY WHO DEALS INSOLENTLY WITH ME— THEN I COULD HIDE FROM HIM. BUT IT IS YOU, A MAN, MY EQUAL, MY COMPANION, MY FAMILIAR FRIEND. MY COMPANION STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND AGAINST HIS FRIENDS; HE VIOLATED HIS COVENANT. HIS SPEECH WAS SMOOTH AS BUTTER, YET WAR WAS IN HIS HEART; HIS WORDS WERE SOFTER THAN OIL, YET THEY WERE DRAWN SWORDS. (PSALM 55.12–13, 20–21)
- ?? THIS IS WHAT SOMEONE FEELS LIKE WHEN A HYPOCRITE IS AMONG THEM. **HAVE YOU EVER BEEN BETRAYED**

HOW DO WE

AVOID

HYPOCRISY?

BY BEING “SINCERUS”

- Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. (2 Tim 2.20–21)

- GOD CREATED YOU THE WAY YOU ARE. YOU ARE NOT CALLED TO BE PERFECT...JUST SINCERE.
- WE ARE CALLED TO BE SOMEONE WHO THE WORLD CAN “IDENTIFY WITH” BUT ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING FASHIONED BY THE HAND OF THE POTTER.
- SOMETIMES THE POTTER IS IN THE PROCESS OF CRUSHING US, REFASHIONING US, IN ORDER TO MAKE US MORE USABLE IN HIS KINGDOM.

- THOSE WHO ARE IN THE WORLD ARE MORE DISCERNING THAN WE GIVE THEM CREDIT FOR.
- IF WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT OUR WALK WITH GOD, PEOPLE WILL RESPECT AND FORGIVE US WHEN WE MESS UP.
- IF WE TRY TO DO A “COVER UP” WE WILL LOOSE THE RESPECT AND OUR INTEGRITY IS QUESTIONED.
- IT’S NOT OUR SHORTCOMINGS THAT MESS US UP IT’S HOW WE DEAL WITH THEM

HOW DOES THE WORLD DEAL WITH IT??

- WE CAN SEARCH FOR MEANING IN MATERIALISM, PURPOSE IN SELFISHNESS, FULFILLMENT IN SEXUAL IMMORALITY AND HAPPINESS IN IDOLATRY AND COME UP WITH AN EMPTY LIFE
- WE CAN TRY TO FILL OUR CRACKS WITH THE WAX OF RELIGION AND HYPOCRISY.

- “WHEN YOU GIVE TO THE NEEDY, SOUND NO TRUMPET BEFORE YOU, AS THE HYPOCRITES DO IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND IN THE STREETS, THAT THEY MAY BE PRAISED BY OTHERS. TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, THEY HAVE RECEIVED THEIR REWARD” (MATT. 6.2)
- “AND WHEN YOU PRAY, YOU MUST NOT BE LIKE THE HYPOCRITES. FOR THEY LOVE TO STAND AND PRAY IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND AT THE STREET CORNERS, THAT THEY MAY BE SEEN BY OTHERS. TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, THEY HAVE RECEIVED THEIR REWARD.” (MATT 6.5)

- “THEY PREACH, BUT DO NOT PRACTICE. THEY TIE UP HEAVY BURDENS, HARD TO BEAR, AND LAY THEM ON PEOPLE'S SHOULDERS, BUT THEY THEMSELVES ARE NOT WILLING TO MOVE THEM WITH THEIR FINGER. THEY DO ALL THEIR DEEDS TO BE SEEN BY OTHERS.” (MATT 23.3–5)
- WE CAN'T PRETEND THAT WE ARE WALKING WITH GOD AND LIVE LIKE THE WORLDLY PEOPLE
- THOSE WATCHING US ARE MORE DISCERNING THAN WE THINK

HOW DO SAVED MEN DEAL WITH OUR IMPERFECTIONS??

- CONFESS YOUR FAULTS ONE TO ANOTHER SO THAT YOU CAN BE HEALED
- FIND MEN THAT YOU CAN TRUST AND BE ACCOUNTABLE TO
- LET TRUE GODLY LOVE BE THE COVER FOR YOUR SINS...PEOPLE OF GOD SHOULD ACCEPT YOU AS YOU ARE AND HELP YOU GROW OUT OF THE WEAKNESSES YOU HAVE.

- “THE AIM OF OUR CHARGE IS LOVE THAT ISSUES FROM A PURE HEART AND A GOOD CONSCIENCE AND A SINCERE FAITH” (1 TIM 1.5)
- TRANSPARENCY...LIVING OUR LIFE LIKE AN OPEN BOOK WITH THE SUNLIGHT OF GOD SHOWING WHO WE ARE IMPERFECTIONS AND ALL.
- WHEN WE LIVE LIFE LIKE THAT OUR WALK IS VALIDATED AND WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT COMES WITH INTEGRITY...RESPECT.
- RESPECT CAN ONLY BE EARNED THROUGH BEING A “REAL DISCIPLE” OF JESUS CHRIST.

CONCLUSION:

- DAVID AND GOLIATH
- PHILISTINES CAMPED ON ONE SIDE
- THE ISRAELITES CAMPED ON THE OTHER SIDE
- WE CAN BE LIKE DAVID AND DEPEND ON THE LORD
- WE CAN BE LIKE THE OTHERS AND PRETEND TO BE GALLANT

THE CHOICE IS SIMPLE....

DEPEND

OR

PRETEND