

**Halloween 2020
Dangerous Men
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Opening

-break for tonight from our series The Moral Dilemma.

- next week with me
- Sharon Thomas on the 14th
- me finishing up the series on the 21st
- Pastor John Ware preaching the 28th

-I want to talk to men tonight for a few minutes... (standing right now between your kids and the most candy they will see all year...like standing in front of a stampede and I'm taking my life into my own hands!)

-God dropped some things in my heart last week during worship and I want to share them with you tonight...prophetic moment...

David the Warrior

-1 Samuel 17:1-16 (there is a reason these stories resonate with you)

- David was probably about 16
- had already killed lions and bears
- chores different then/our chore board at home

-You long to be a warrior that slays! You want to be perceived as dangerous.

-movies and shows: Saving Private Ryan, Braveheart, The Avengers, Punisher, Dare Devil, James Bond...The Last of the Mohicans

-Wild At Heart by John Eldredge is a classic!!! (Shift from YOU to WE)

-growing up: John Wayne and Tarzan...

-modern society is civilized: we "slay" through sports, business, high risk hobbies, traveling adventures...we want to conquer!)

-We want to be the "David" that slays the giant!

-Our dream is to be that warrior.

David the Worshipper

-2 Samuel 6:12-19 (David at least 30 here...)

-God's dream is for us to be this warrior...David is a warrior in both settings!

This desire to be a warrior is not left over from a time in history that has passed...sure this desire helped us meet a practical need in society and still does today for some...but this "fight" he has put in us has always been first and foremost about standing against the forces of evil that are at work in this world trying to destroy God's great plans to redeem and rescue this world from sin and darkness!

-Ephesians 6:10-12

1.) Integrity...respect your own moral code, honor your moral compass!

2.) Vulnerability...find a small group of men you can trust and stop hiding!

3.) Hostility...unleash your inner warrior...worship, prayer, Bible...the other Pathways should be pursuits for you that you engage with intensity!

(What if someone right now started to physically assault your family...would you say, "Well, my personality doesn't lend itself to...")

-Does the devil see you as dangerous or is he dangerous to you? Are you an easy target?

-A warrior that slays is a warrior who prays and worships and serves and gives and fasts and gathers and reaches...

-If you are complacent then you are complicit.