

The Leash

Dear Readers,

This is Big Betty sharing some thoughts with you!

Recently with this pandemic, my family put me on a very short leash and I wasn't impressed. It reminded me of being a kid in Kirkwood, and I wasn't allowed to cross Route 472 unless an adult was with me! That lasted for years! When I taught the Ladies Bible Class, Kathryn Wagner was a member and many times she would say "Once an Adult twice a child". I thought that was an odd saying, but I understand it more every month!

In all the penned-up time I seem to have, I was reading the Bible aimlessly and I somehow got into I and II Samuel. I don't know if I forgot the facts, but they certainly did take on a new meaning for me. Some stories we remember from childhood and never acquire the adult version. I stumbled across David and Goliath. You can read the full story in I Samuel chapter 17. Read it, you will remember old facts!

David traveled from home, where he tended the sheep, to the War Zone, where his older two brothers were in the battle. HE HAD A LONG LEASH! His father was sending food to his other sons. While there, David met his brothers who didn't seem happy to see him. David also got to see the daily display of "GOLIATH". Goliath had been taunting Saul's army for days trying to do battle with someone. The deal was that whatever side won, they got all the spoils of war!

David asked why no one took Goliath up on his offer. Everyone was afraid! David appeared interested, but his brothers told him "Go home and watch the sheep, where you belong". David persisted and told King Saul, who agreed and gave him his entire suit of armor. David tried it but it was too heavy and cumbersome. In other words, the leash was too short! He said, "I'll go in my own clothes". Off he went, took the sling shot out of his Shepherd's Bag, stopped at the creek, chose several stones, and moved toward GOLIATH. Words were exchanged and before you knew it Goliath was missing his head.

This is a nice story, but what does it say to you today? David was close to God; he didn't just know about him. He knew the HEART of God! We need to know the Spirit, the Will, and the Desire of God. NEVER allow anyone to shorten your leash in that area of your life. You say, "Betty, who would do that?" The answer is easy. SATAN! Don't feel bad, David met Satan and fell for him sometimes, but he always realized and repented.

Who controls your leash? The world offers many leashes with various lengths, but they are all controlled by _ _ _ _ _.

Only God can give you the leash to ETERNITY! In Romans chapter 10 verse 9 we read "That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you WILL be saved."

Let us join in prayer:

Almighty, Omnipotent God, we stand before you in awe as we search your word. Lord, show it to us as though for the first time, that we may be renewed in Spirit, Mind, and Body. Our desire is to honor you with study and good works. Take us by the leash and guide us on the journey. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen

Anchored in Christ,
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