

Inspiring Bible Characters

From the time of Noah, to Moses, and to David, there have been so many inspiring, courageous people who all loved God. They have shown their love for God by being kind, brave, and standing up for what is right. These people, Noah, Moses, and David all have something in common; they were all committed to following God.

To begin with, we have a very righteous man, Noah. When the Lord saw the world was dark and filthy with sin, he was so angry he decided to send a raging flood. Although the world was heavy with wickedness, he saw only one righteous man; Noah. So the Lord spoke to Noah. God said to build a huge ark, and since Noah had always obeyed God, he built the colossal boat. When he was building, he tried to tell the people to come with him; to be safe on the ark when the world would be overrun by water. Of course, no one believed him because they had never seen water fall from the sky. So the entire time he was constructing the boat, he asked countless times for the people to come on, but no one came on. So when the door was shut and the waters started flowing in, people tried to come in. But God had already shut the door. So what is the lesson? Is it about building an ark? Of course not. It's about following and obeying God no matter how much we get made fun of, or how long it takes to see Him working.

Then came the most accomplishing leader, Moses. Moses was and is by far the most inspiring one here in my opinion. Although when he was in Egypt and had a great opportunity to save his people without all those 40 years, he completely ruined it by thinking he was this big hero, and when he saw two men fighting, he thought to stop it. So when he came over, he tried reasoning but got so angry he murdered a man with a swift and deadly punch. Even though he did all this God was able to still use him and

forgive him of this terrible mistake, he remains the greatest leader of all time. He led 2 million Israelites successfully out of Egypt. That's a whole lot of whiny, complaining people! Even after getting them out, it was still quite the task. They stopped at many places while crossing over, trying to get to the Promised Land. When in the desert, Moses and the people, well, mostly the people, went through a lot because of their disobedience. They even got banned from going into the promised land and had to walk around the desert for 40 whole years! But still, Moses kept going. That's how much faith we should have. This whole story in the Bible doesn't just vividly show a man who accomplished what seemed impossible, but it shows that anything we would ever be able to imagine, God is able to do it, no matter how big or small it is.

Lastly, but *definitely* not least is David. David, like in all the songs say, was just a shepherd boy. When Goliath came to conquer the land, David was the one God chose, even though everyone said he was too weak. When the day of battle came, Goliath laughed in David's face cruelly. He thought they were playing jokes on him! But, to Goliath's surprise, they weren't. The only thing David brought to battle was a slingshot and a rock, against a full blown giant. David brought the small pebble all back in the slingshot, and then-boom! That tiny rock took out this giant man! Obviously, this has to be one of the most memorable battles in history. This story shows clearly that God can take anything and use it for His glory, even if it's a young shepherd boy.

So, it may not seem like it, because these people all did crazy amazing stuff, but these are all just people. People like us everyday folks. This tells me we can all be as great as these men, we just need to put our everything into Him. Like I said at the beginning, all of these men were only able to accomplish what they did by being

obedient to the Lord. This verse, 1 John 5:3, “ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.”, tells exactly how these characters conquered giants, led 2 million people out of Egypt, and survived the world’s biggest flood. These men knew the secret to doing these wonderful things, and that secret is to let God shine fully through, which we are all very capable of doing.

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