

KEY SCRIPTURE:

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1 Corinthians 15:57-58 NLT

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1 Samuel 17:45-46 NIV

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Psalms 51:10, 12 NIV

"Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. ..." Revelation 2:4-5 NIV

Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's something other people are passionate about, but you've never really been able to get on board with?
- What's something you're really passionate about?

Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- There are two types of people: those who let their circumstances influence their enthusiasm and those who let their enthusiasm influence their circumstances. Which type are you? How does your type affect you?
- What do you think about the idea that it's not *what* you do that makes work meaningful, but it's *who* you do it for? How do you think embracing this mindset would impact your life?
- Enthusiasm isn't a product of environment but a posture of our hearts. How would you describe the posture of your heart?

Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Have you ever lost your passion for God or the work He put in front of you? What was that season like? What did you learn?
- How can you trust, walk with, and worship God this week?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You that no matter what we're going through, You're always by our side. Help us to find our passion in You—not in our environment. Help us to be men and women after Your own heart. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Pray and ask God to give you a better understanding of who He is, all He's done for you, and how much He loves you.

GET YOUR PASSION BACK

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WHERE DID DAVID'S ENTHUSIASM COME FROM?

- HE TRUSTED GOD DAILY.
- HE WALKED WITH GOD DAILY.
- HE WORSHIPED GOD DAILY.

TWO SEASONS OF DAVID'S LIFE

- WITH ENTHUSIASM, DAVID RAN INTO THE BATTLE TO SERVE HIS GOD.
- WITH APATHY, DAVID WALKED ON THE ROOF TO SERVE HIS COMFORT.

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