



Drive - Week 5 5 Stones



Main Thought: Drive, what is that gut feeling inside that urges you to do something? Are you a person that sits back and cruises along, or one who drives forward in life?

Object: Golf Clubs – Driver and Putter

Talk: Growing up in Indiana, I lived not too far from Goshen, Indiana, the cruising capitol of America. Not just Indiana, but all of America. It was well known that there are a lot of great places to cruise, but nothing like Goshen, Indiana. Goshen consists of basically 5 major city blocks, four lanes through the middle of town. When one hears Goshen, they may think Amish, horse and buggies, and country folk. But on Friday and Saturday nights, it was a place to cruise. Wall to wall traffic; it would take you at least 45 minutes to go from one end of town to the other, averaging 9-10 minutes per block. It was great to sit in the car with your buddies; windows rolled down, and meet all kinds of people your age. On your left or right, you were bound to find someone to chat with. This was old fashioned MySpace!

I remember many times seeing people with out of state license plates caught in the cruising lanes of Goshen. With fear and frustration on their faces, they never expected to be in a traffic jam in Goshen, Indiana...maybe New York or Chicago, but not Goshen. They were driving somewhere. They were going the distance, with plans and purpose and they were all caught up in our night of cruising.

David must have felt the same way when he arrived at the battle scene. The Israelites and Philistines have been at the same valley for over a month, with no action. In a sense this battle was cruising, wide lane, no action, just hanging out. David understood that hanging out gets you nowhere.

David wasn't about hanging out at the battle fields, especially when this 9 foot giant was cursing his God. David was ready to take on Goliath; he was nothing but a 9 foot barrier, an obstruction to moving on in life. David had the option to stay in one spot and cruise, or hang out with his brothers. The other option is that David could drive the distance and with determination move forward! David chose to drive! If you read the story in I Samuel 17, you'll discover that David ran to meet Goliath. What caused David to run? There was a fire in his belly, fuel in his drive! He had that gut feeling that he must do something!

If you have goals, you most definitely must understand that you will never reach your goals, unless you move forward! There must be a determination and drive inside you to reach that goal. Cruising gets you nowhere.

If you were one of two golf clubs, a driver or a putter, which one would you be? A driver sends the ball with distance. A driver says, "I have power and I'm moving forward." A putter says, "I'm all about hanging out on the green, having fun, and staying within a small area." I still remember a theme at one miniature golf place in Indiana, "Putt Putt for the fun of it!"

If you are like a driver, you have goals, you understand your purpose and you are determined to move forward. If you are like a putter, you are satisfied with status quo; you are fine with going through the motions. If you are a

putter you may no longer care about this season, and all you do is talk about next season and how good you will be then. Drivers show up on time, determined to move forward no matter what the circumstance.

A good test to determine which kind of person you are is to answer this question. If your coach didn't show up for practice would you go home or come up with your own game plan for practice? If your teacher didn't show up for class would you goof off or study? When no one is looking will you do the right thing?

Do you have that drive in you? As Gatorade so fluently put it, "is it in you?"

FOCUS - Be the one who has drive in their life. Don't be satisfied with cruising through life. As a cruiser, all you ever do is frustrate and get in the way of those who are pursuing greatness. Be the one who has drive in their life.

DO HARD THINGS: Be honest in answering the question, "if my coach wasn't checking in on me, would I work hard?" If not, who will you ask to help you develop "drive" in your life? Place your goals on a 3x5 somewhere you can visibly see them daily. With determination, drive towards that goal!