

A Star's Confession

In the 1998-99 basketball season of the National Basketball Association, David Robinson, frequent all-star and veteran center for the San Antonio Spurs, learned to share the limelight with the new dominant player of the league – his teammate, Tim Duncan. San Antonio won the NBA playoffs in 1999 with Duncan as its star player. In *Sports Illustrated*, Robinson reflected on what that was like for him:

“I can't overstate how important my faith has been to me as an athlete and as a person. It's helped me deal with so many things, including matters of ego and pride. For instance, I can't deny that it felt weird to see Tim standing on the podium with the Finals MVP trophy. I was thinking, 'Man, never have I come to the end of a tournament and not been the one holding up that trophy.' It was hard.

“But I thought about the Bible story of David and Goliath. David helped King Saul win a battle, but the king wasn't happy because he had killed thousands of men while David had killed tens of thousands. So King Saul couldn't enjoy the victory because he was thinking about David's getting more credit than he was. I'm blessed that God has given me the ability to just enjoy the victory. So Tim killed the tens of thousands. That's great. I'm happy for him.”

There is no room for jealousy in the workplace. We are engaged in a noble pursuit in Life Care, American Lifestyles and Life Care at Home – much more so than any sports spectacle. We are called to care for God's children, the frail and infirm elderly. Every job is important, and necessary if the team is to achieve its mission.

It is often said, but true: The accomplishments are amazing when no one cares who gets the credit.

--Beecher Hunter