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Finding Courage to Face Giants - 1 Samuel 17

“The Philistines now mustered their army for battle and camped between Socoh in Judah and Azekah at Ephes-dammim. ²Saul countered by gathering his Israelite troops near the valley of Elah. ³So the Philistines and Israelites faced each other on opposite hills, with the valley between them. ⁴Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall!
 1 Samuel 17:1-4

⁸Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. “Why are you all coming out to fight?” he called. “I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! ⁹If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! ¹⁰I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!” ¹¹When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.
 1 Samuel 17:8-11

³²“Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him!”
³³“Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied. “There’s no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a man of war since his youth.” ³⁴But David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said. “When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, ³⁵I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. ³⁶I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! ³⁷The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!” Saul finally consented.
 1 Samuel 17:32-37

⁴⁸“As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. ⁴⁹Reaching into his shepherd’s bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground. ⁵⁰So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword. ⁵¹Then David ran over and pulled Goliath’s sword from its sheath. David used it to kill him and cut off his head.
 1 Samuel 17:48-51

Facing Fear With Confidence

F _____ out the facts

E _____ defeatist thinking

A _____ the tools God has given me

R _____ God’s help in the past

Memory Verse
 “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.”
 Psalm 20:7

- MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .**
- Invite Jesus to be my Lord and Savior for the first time today
 - Memorize Psalm 20:7
 - Ask God to help me to remember the ways He has helped me in the past
 - Get the most out of this weekend’s teaching by attending my Life Group





Discussion Questions - Week #2

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, "Finding The Courage To Face Giants", summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Is there any practical step you plan on taking this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

- Why do you think the story of David and Goliath is so popular?
- As a result of his battle with Goliath, David's name has become synonymous with courage. Who in our society today are considered courageous?
- Pastor Rick shared that David may have had mixed motives in taking on Goliath. Does that observation change the way you feel about the story?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Joshua 14:6-15. How did Caleb demonstrate courage in this passage?

Caleb's faithfulness earlier in his life surely earned him an easier inheritance. Why do you think he still insisted on taking the hill country?

If God has the power to remove the giants in our path, why do you think he doesn't?

What giant or giants are you currently facing in your life?

What could give you the boldness to face your giants in the manner that Caleb met his?

2. In Daniel chapter 3, three of God's faithful servants encounter a giant problem. Read Daniel 3:1-30. What is something in this passage that speaks to you or which you relate to?

How did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego face the facts?

David received riches and relationships as a reward for taking on his giant. What reward might Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego have been looking forward to?

Suppose these three died instantly in the fiery furnace. Would you still consider this as a great story of faith had they died? Why or why not?

Are there any practical applications from this passage God is inviting you into?

TAKING IT HOME

- What is one point from the message that you need to keep before you this week?
- In what area of your life would you like the group to be praying for the courage to face your giants?

PRAYER REQUESTS