



Sermon Date: February 4th, 2024

Sermon Title: David and Goliath

Passage: 1 Samuel 17:1-58

Pulpit Curriculum is an opportunity for you as a family group member to unpack what God's Word is speaking into your life and to have other Believers help you apply the Word of God to your life as you do life together.

- Notes: 1. *It is very important to have taken in the message from last weekend to properly engage in discussion.*
2. *As a leader, you may want to decide which questions to cover during your Family Group time as there may not be time to get through them all— and that's ok!*

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HIGHLIGHT THE SERMON

The message this week was a deeper dive into the story of David and Goliath with a practical application at the end of the sermon. Begin by **reading 1 Samuel 17** out loud together. What are some key themes from this chapter that you can pull out? How did Saul and the Israelites respond to Goliath's opposition and threats? How did David respond to Goliath's challenge when he heard it? When we are faced with opposition in our lives, do we tend to be more like Saul or David? What are some ways that we can become more like David in the face of opposition? What stood out to you most about this story?

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EXPLAIN THE PASSAGE

This chapter shows how fearful Saul and his army are when face to face with a giant clad in bronze armor, and how courageous David was when faced with the same opposition. Why was Saul so afraid of Goliath? Why was David not afraid of Goliath? Review the chapter and notice David's defense to Saul in order to convince Saul to let him fight Goliath. What does this show about David's relationship with the Living God of Israel? Notice how both Saul and Goliath viewed the outward appearance of David when he stood before them and immediately wrote him off. God looks at the heart, men look at the outward appearance.

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APPLY THE WORD TO YOUR LIFE

In the face of opposition against a giant, Saul and his army trembled in fear and did not trust in the LORD for their strength. David, in the face of the same opposition, knew that the battle was not his alone, but rather it was God's battle and God would deliver his enemies into his hands like He did with the lion and the bear that attacked his sheep. When we are faced with opposition in our own lives, we need to remind ourselves that the battle belongs to the LORD. Look at some other scripture in relation to this: **Deuteronomy 31:8, Romans 8:31, James 1:3**. How can you apply these themes and verses to your own life?

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RESPOND TO THE WORD

Saul responded to opposition poorly and with unfaithfulness to the LORD. David responded with courage and faithfulness in the LORD. Who do you relate to more? Why? What can you relate to within this chapter? How can you apply what you've learned through this chapter and sermon in your life personally? Going forward, will you forget the LORD in the face of opposition like Saul, or will you remember that the battle belongs to the LORD and bolster your faith in Him?!

Spend some time praying for your family group members on these topics.