

## Getting Ready for Goliath by John Huseman

### THE BATTLEFIELD - (1 Samuel 17:8-11)

- ◆ Goliath calls out Israelites
- ◆ Why were the Israelites afraid?
  - ◆ They focused on only what they could see
  - ◆ Everything in the natural realm was superior for Goliath
- ◆ So why doesn't the story end right there?
  - ◆ We have someone greater than Goliath on our side (**John 16:33**)

### WHERE ARE THE ISRAELITE SOLDERS?

- ◆ For 40 days Goliath does same routine
- ◆ Where are the Navy Seals, where are the Special Forces?
  - ◆ The Effects of fear are paralyzing (**1 Samuel 17:24**)
- ◆ Soldier's faith was in what they could see
  - ◆ God's people are wired differently (**2 Corinthians 5:7**)

### DAVID HAD A DIFFERENT DNA

- ◆ David hears Goliath talking trash 1 time, and he starts asking questions
- ◆ David's own brothers instantly criticize and oppose him - He pushed past it
- ◆ David speaks to the King, King opposes him too (**1 Samuel 17:32-33**)

### THE BIGGEST MOMENT IN THE WHOLE STORY

- ◆ David responds to the King (**1 Samuel 17:34-37**)
- ◆ This is where the battle was won - David understood this:
  - ◆ God was with him as he watched the sheep
  - ◆ God was with him against the bear, against the lion
  - ◆ God will be with him now - against Goliath

### FAITH KEY INGREDIENT IN DEFEATING THE GIANT

- ◆ Faith poured out of David as he stood before Goliath - (**1 Samuel 17:45-47**)
- ◆ Faith inspires others:
  - ◆ Israelite army attacked, Philistines ran in fear
- ◆ David remembered the miraculous work of God

## SERMON SCRIPTURES:

### **1 Samuel 17:8-11 (ESV)**

8 He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." 10 And the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together." 11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

### **John 16:33 (ESV)**

33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

### **1 Samuel 17:24 (ESV)**

All the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were much afraid.

### **2 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)**

7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.

### **1 Samuel 17:32-33 (ESV)**

32 And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." 33 And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth."

### **1 Samuel 17:34-37 (ESV)**

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, 35 I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. 36 Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." 37 And David said, "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!"

### **1 Samuel 17:45-47 (ESV)**

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, 47 and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand."