



Lesson:

We continued our “Fearless” series after we reviewed last week’s lesson about chasing the lions in our lives.

This week we talked about how we were created by God to stand out from the world and be extraordinary. We each have the opportunity and the ability to be great like David. We learned about David and Goliath and how King Saul and the entire Israeli army were terrified to fight Goliath but David was not fearful for even a moment because he knew God would protect him just as he protects his sheep.

We said that there will be people in our lives who stand in our way of doing what God wants us to do. There will be people and things that try to take our focus off of God. There may be people who cause us to fear to stand up for what is right or be afraid to do the right thing. These are the Goliath’s in our lives and they can have us just as terrified as the Israeli army was.

We discussed what David taught us about how we can be as fearless as he was against the Goliath’s we have in our lives.

#1- Be a smart listener: Sometimes people in your life will try to talk you into or out of doing things. A lot of times they are good to have around when they keep you out of trouble but when they keep you from doing what God wants you to do you have to make a choice to listen to what God says or to listen to what people say. We should always compare what people say to what God says. If what they say makes sense with what God says then it is good advice. When faced with the choice, we should always obey God rather than the “opinions of man”.

#2- Remember your past: One of the greatest tools we have to help us defeat the big Goliaths and challenges in our lives is to remember all of the times that God has helped us get through tough times in the past.

#3- Know your weapons: God has given us the power and the tools we need to face whatever giants we face and will never send us out unprepared for what he asks us to do. Whether it is understanding, knowing the right words to speak or having patience, we have whatever we need for victory with God by our side.

#4- Know what you are doing: Know exactly what you are going to do and how you are going to do it to allow you to accomplish whatever it is with complete confidence and full faith in God.

Every soldier had the same opportunity as David and every soldier believed in the same God as David. David was the only one who acted fearlessly against his Goliath for God because he Trusted God, Listened to God, Followed God and most importantly, he Believed God. We have the same opportunity and ability to defeat our Goliath’s and be great like David.

Next week we finish up our “Fearless” series with a review and summary of the entire series

Bible Verse: 2 Timothy 1:7

7 “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” (memory verse for the series)

Bible Verse: 1 Samuel 17:1-11, 16, 20-23, 26, 33-36, 48-51

17 Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Sokoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Sokoh and Azekah. 2 Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. 3 The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them. 4 A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; 6 on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. 7 His spear shaft was like a weaver’s rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels.[c] His shield bearer went ahead of him. 8 Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.” 10 Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.” 11 On hearing the Philistine’s words, Saul, and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified. 16 For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand. 20 Early in the morning David left the flock in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. 21 Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. 22 David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were. 23 As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. 26 David asked the men standing near him, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?” 33 Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” 34 But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 37 The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.” Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.” 43 He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!” 45 David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. 49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. 50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him. 51 David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine’s sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.

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