

Home Group Questions

the week of 03/10/2019

1 Samuel 17:21-52

DAVID – CONQUERING YOUR GIANTS

GETTING STARTED...

This past Sunday, Pastor Mel continued his series on the “Ordinary Superheroes of the O.T.”. This week focused on David and his battle with Goliath. David had the faith and the courage to trust God for a victory when everyone else was fearful. His trust in the Lord and his willingness to enter the fight become an example of how we can conquer whatever are “giants” in our lives.

LOOKING IN THE WORD...

1. Read 1 Samuel 17:21-51. This is one of the most famous stories in the Old Testament!! Talk about the courage and faith of David and what inspires you about this amazing account!!

- **Pastor Mel shared seven principles** that we can glean from this passage that can be applied to our lives in conquering the negative “giants that plague our lives. Those giants could be: (take some time to discuss this list...are there any categories of “giants” that you would add to this list?)

God-related doubts

Interpersonal conflict

Addictive sin

Negative emotions (wrath, anger, jealousy, etc)

Taking a stand for Christ

Sin from the past

Go through the passage and discuss the seven principles given in the sermon and how they might relate to helping you through challenges that you face in your life. The 7 principles were:

1. I acknowledge God’s active engagement in this world.

1 Samuel 17:26-27

2. I press on in spite of the ungodly actions of others.

1 Samuel 17:28-33

3. I find strength in past victories. 1 Samuel 17:34-37

4. I make wise battle-oriented decisions, which can lead to victory. 1 Samuel 17:38-44

5. I prioritize my life-purpose of giving glory to God.
1 Samuel 17:45-46

6. I fight with a moment by moment reliance on God.
1 Samuel 17:47-49

7. I commit myself to total victory, (making no provision for “the flesh”). 1 Samuel 17:50-52

Which of these principles do you think is most difficult for a believer to faithfully practice in his or her life? Would you prioritize these principles, or is each one equally valid in overcoming “giants” that you face in your life?

2. Read Romans 13:11-14. What is the point Paul is trying to drive home by pointing out that we must “wake from our sleep”? What do you think are the attitudes Paul is seeking to change when it comes to the life of the believer by challenging us to “wake up”?

- **Paul then talks about salvation** being nearer to us then when we first believed. What is he warning believers about in that verse? What should our attitude be in our battle against sin when we think about our salvation being nearer?

- **Paul contrasts “casting off”** (v. 12) and “putting on” (v. 12)? What does that imply about our involvement in the sanctification process of becoming more and more like Jesus? Do you approach this process with the same intensity and faith that David approached his battle with? Verse 14 encourages us to put on Jesus and make no provision for “the flesh”? What does that mean to you in your battle against sin and in the work of the Holy Spirit to make you more like Jesus

Moving Forward...

Pray that you will have a heart that runs to the battle, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to overcome the “giants” in our lives.