

1. Paralyzed by the enemy (4-11)

How have you taught or heard the story of David and Goliath taught? Who was the hero of the story as you heard it taught?

Why is it insufficient to place myself in the story as David?

How does placing yourself in the story as David misrepresent the point of the story?

How do you identify with Saul and the armies of Israel lately?

What are your biggest fears?

Discuss each of the fears below and share examples of how you have fought, won, or lost battles against them.

- **Failure – losing performance.**
- **Criticism – losing respect**
- **Loneliness – losing relationships**
- **Suffering – losing comfort**
- **Death – losing health**

2. Rescued by the victory (32-50)

Describe Goliath's strength. Describe his weakness.

Describe David's strength. Describe his weakness. How does God use weakness to defeat his enemies? What are your perceived weaknesses? Are you ashamed of them? How could God use your weaknesses as an asset?

Read Hebrews 12:2. What happens when you accurately see the victory that Jesus has fought and won?

What parallels do you see between Jesus and David?

Read Genesis 3:15 and 1 Samuel 17:49. What significance do you see in the unfolding epic story of salvation of God's people?

3. Filled with **bravery** (51-52)

Discuss each of the fears below again in light of these statements:

The only giant that can really kill you is dead.

When I am convinced that my real enemy is dead I will have courage to fight the little enemies daily.

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- **Loneliness** – losing **relationships**
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- **Death** – losing **health**

How does knowing Jesus has prevailed change your perspective on these enemies? What should you do when faced with each of these fears?

Are you courageously engaged in the battle against remaining sin in your life? How?

Are you pursuing holiness with the knowledge that the battle is the Lord's?

Is there any sin, temptation, or threat that you have forfeited to? What is it? How will you get in the battle this week?

Additional Scripture

- Psalm 18:39-42
- Psalm 27:1
- Romans 8:31-37
- 1Cor. 1:27-28
- 2Corinthians 3:5
- 2Corinthians 10:4-5