

LET NO MAN'S HEART FAIL

1 SAMUEL 17

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Introduction:

I refer to this valley as the, "The Valley of Victory"

There are times in our lives that it seems that everyone who is supposed to be standing true and tall are turning and failing because of pressure and fear.

Just like the army of Israel. Goliath had been mocking God, and challenging someone to take a stand.

The young man who decided to take a stand was David.

David was the youngest son of Jesse, and was a shepherd.

His dad had asked him to take some food to the soldiers and to check on his brothers who were soldiers in Saul's army. Upon his arrival Goliath was again

challenging the army of Israel as he did twice a day for forty days.

David's heart was challenged and the challenge led to a burden.

David then goes and tells Saul that he would go and fight against the giant Goliath.

He says to Saul: "Let no man's heart fail because of him."

How is it that little David could make such a statement to King Saul?

We see the answer in this chapter.

1. HIS PREPARATION (VS. 15)

1 Samuel 17:15

But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

A. Was Faithful as a Shepherd

- David knew that one day he would be the King of Israel, yet David was content to wait on God's timing and remained faithful as a shepherd.

- If one cannot be faithful with little things certainly one cant be trusted to be faithful with the big.
- The best source of preparation comes from being faithful.

What did David learn from being a Shepherd?

- He learned that God would take care of him even if he were face a lion or a bear.

2. HIS PERSPECTIVE (VS. 26)

1 Samuel 17:26

And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?

A. He saw God bigger that Goliath.

3. HIS PURPOSE (VS. 29, 32)

1 Samuel 17:29-32

And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause? [30] And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner. [31] And

when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him. [32] And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

A. Is there not a cause

B. I will go

One will never effectively go until they see a cause to go.

4. HIS PROGRESSION (VS. 34)

1 Samuel 17:34

And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

A. Remembered past victories - God had already proved Himself to David

David was going from victory to victory.

(See the song "Stand up stand up for Jesus)

B. Reviewed these victories with Saul

5. HIS POWER (vs. 42)

1 Samuel 17:42-47

And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. [43] And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. [44] And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. [45] Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. [46] This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls 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 all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.

A. Goliath's reviling (41-44)

B. David's response (45-47)

1. Didn't rely on self

2. Dependent on the Savior

6. HIS PRAISE (VS. 46)

1 Samuel 17:46

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A. All honor and all glory, and all the credit was given to God.

7. HIS PRIZE (VS. 48-54)

1 Samuel 17:48-54

And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. [49] And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. [50] So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. [51] Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and

cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled. [52] And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron. [53] And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents. [54] And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

A. The head of Goliath

B. The sword of Goliath

Principles

1. We don't fight for victory, but from victory.
2. The victory is not after the battle, the victory is during and in the battle.
3. God never promises to remove all of the Goliath's, but goes with us as we fight them.
4. Faith doesn't blind us to the Goliath's, but allows us to see God bigger than the problem.

5. Remember there always people that will say you can't do it, and for the most part that is correct, but don't forget about the lion and the bear and the past victories that God brought to pass. NEVER forget about GOD'S Faithfulness

6. Always remember the battle is the Lord's

Close:

Have you allowed a Goliath in the valley to prevent you from serving the Lord?

Have you allowed a Goliath in the valley to stall your progress?