THE DIFFERENCE IN THE BATTLE 1 Samuel 17 & Judges 8

Text: Judges 8:18-21 & 1 Samuel 17:31-37, 39, 45

Introduction:

We see in this passage two different young people with two different results.

1. LACK OF HEART AND TRAINING LED TO FEAR (JUDGES 8:20)

A. Jether lacked what it took to do the job his father had asked him to do.

2. FEAR LEADS TO A LACK OF ACTION, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT (JUDGES 8:20)

A. Fear freezes us in our tracks and causes us to delay or stop our forward progress to the desired goal.

3. As a Man Is So Is His Strength (Judges 8:21)

A. A victorious life of power and strength depends on what you are spiritually on the inside.

4. DAVID'S HEART WAS ZEALOUS TOWARD GOD (1 SAM. 17:32)

A. The most important thing that we do is to daily keep our heart right with God.

B. Christianity is a heart religion.

C. Let's get our heart into our actions and beliefs.

5. DAVID'S YOUTH WAS SPENT IN PREPARATION (1 SAM. 17:34-36)

A. Proper planning prevents poor performance.

B. We must take care of preparation in our youth.

6. DAVID DID NOT HAVE FEAR, BUT FAITH IN GOD. (1 SAM. 17:37)

7. DAVID USED PROVEN TOOLS (1 SAM. 17:39)

8. DAVID DEPENDED UPON GOD (1 SAM. 17:45)