

## Slaying the Giants: Facing Our Fears – 1 Sam. 17

### I. Anticipating Being Used by God

#### A. The Challenge from God (17:1-11)

17:4-7 <sup>4</sup>And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup>He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he *was* armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of bronze. <sup>6</sup>And *he had* bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup>**Now the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead *weighed* six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him.**

<sup>11</sup>When **Saul and all Israel** heard these words of the Philistine, **they were dismayed and greatly afraid.**

#### B. The Preparation – shepherd; killing lion and bear; believing God (17:12-39)

##### 1. Face Your Fear

###### a) Fear Blinds One to God's Plan

1 Sam 9:16 – “Tomorrow about this time I will send you (Samuel) a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him commander over My people Israel, that he may save My people from the hand of the Philistines; for I have looked upon My people, because their cry has come to Me.”

1 Sam 10:6-7 - God is with Saul; the Spirit is leading him

###### b) Fear Discourages God's People

###### c) Fear Disobeys God's Principles

James 4:17 <sup>17</sup>Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.

2 Timothy 1:7 <sup>7</sup>For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

### II. Answering the Call to be Used by God- (17:40-51)

### III. Actively Proclaim God – (17:52-58)

#### A. Facing Fears Brings Joy and Excitement to Others

#### B. Facing Fears Brings Glory to God

## Conclusion

1. Are you fearful about anything God wants you to do? Are you able to face these fears with God's strength?
2. Are you walking closely with the Lord to know what He wants you to do?
3. God has given us everything we need to accomplish His will for our lives. Will you take steps of faith to claim God's will for your life?

## Discussion Questions

- 1. What kind of fears stop you from serving God?
- 2. How does God's Spirit give us power, love and a sound mind and how does it help us to overcome fear? 2 Tim. 1:7
- 3. David is a type of Christ. In what ways do you see Christ in the life of David?
- 4. Why don't we have to fear man?