

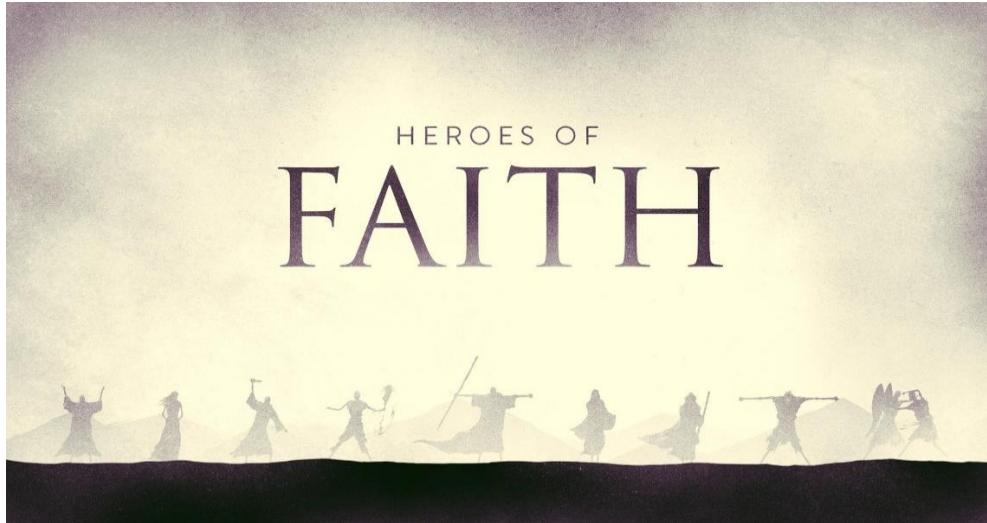


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	You alone can rescue King of kings (In the darkness)
UPDATES .....	Assistant Pastor Chris
SINGING TOGETHER .....	Awake, awake O Zion
BIBLE READING .....	1 Samuel 17:1-50 (Church Bible page 340)
MESSAGE .....	Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER .....	Behold our God



*'Isn't it obvious that God deliberately chose men and women that the culture overlooks and exploits and abuses, chose these 'nobodies' to expose the hollow pretensions of the 'somebodies'? That makes it quite clear that none of you can get by with blowing your own horn before God.'* 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 MSG

*'Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.'" On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.'*

1 Samuel 17:8-11 NIV

*"Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" 1 Samuel 17:44 NIV*

*'Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?' 1 Samuel 17:43 NIV*

**1. When I face a \_\_\_\_\_ in life.**

*'Now David was the youngest of Jesse's sons. Since David's three oldest brothers were in the army, they stayed with Saul's forces all the time. But David went back and forth between working for Saul and helping his father with the sheep in Bethlehem.'* 1 Samuel 17:14-15 NLT

2. When I face \_\_\_\_\_ in life.

*'Goliath stood and shouted across to the Israelites, "Do you need a whole army to settle this? Choose someone to fight for you, and I will represent the Philistines. We will settle this dispute in single combat! If your man is able to kill me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! I defy the armies of Israel! Send me a man who will fight with me!" When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.'*

1 Samuel 17:8-11 NLT

*'For forty days, twice a day, morning and evening, the Philistine giant strutted in front of the Israelite army.'* 1 Samuel 17:16 NLT

*'As he was talking with them, Goliath came forward and challenged the Israelites as he had done before. And David heard him. When the Israelites saw Goliath, they ran away in terror.'* 1 Samuel 17:23-24 TEV

*'When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle." "Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?"'* 1 Samuel 17:28-29 NIV

### 3. When I \_\_\_\_\_ that God can use me.

*"Don't worry about a thing," David told Saul. "I'll go fight this Philistine!" "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There is no way you can go against this Philistine. You are only a boy, and he has been in the army since he was a boy!"* 1 Samuel 17:32-33 NLT

#### FIGHTING THE GIANTS:

#### 1. I remember how God has \_\_\_\_\_ me in the past.

*'I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! The LORD who saved me from the claws of the lion and the bear will save me from this Philistine!'* 1 Samuel 17:36 NLT

#### 2. I use the \_\_\_\_\_ that God has given me now.

*'Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armour on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.'* 1 Samuel 17:38-40 NIV

*'If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.'* Ecclesiastes 11:4 NLT

#### 3. I \_\_\_\_\_ myself in the Lord.

*'When others were speaking against him, David encouraged himself in the Lord.'* 1 Samuel 30:6 NIV

#### 4. I expect God to help me for his \_\_\_\_\_.

*'David shouted in reply, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD Almighty—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give*

*the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! And everyone will know that the LORD does not need weapons to rescue his people. It is his battle, not ours. The LORD will give you to us!"*

1 Samuel 17:45-47 NIV

*'According to your faith it will be done to you.'* Matthew 9:29 NIV



1. Read 1 Samuel 17:14-15. Sometimes in life we face a delay. Share with the group what God taught you while you waited on him?

- How can remembering how God helped you in the past assist you for the future?

2. Read 1 Samuel 17:23-24. Goliath berated the Israelite army and they were afraid. What negative voices do we often listen to that can make us afraid?

- How can surrounding yourself with people filled with faith help conquer our fears?
- What changes can we make to build a stronger faith in God?

3. Read 1 Samuel 17:38-40. If God has called you to fulfil a role, then he doesn't expect you to doubt him and wait to take the first step. He wants you to trust him. Often people will try to persuade you to do it their way instead of the way that God has prepared you to move ahead. David didn't use the armour Saul had used but instead chose the tools he understood and was skilled in using. How can you discern that the tools, (talents) you have are the right ones?

- How can you trust God and relax in fulfilling what God has called you to do?

4. David was viewed as a long shot because he had no experience, was just a shepherd and Goliath had an arsenal of weapons. Yet, David changed the rules of the fight because he had a heart filled with the Lord, 1 Samuel 30:6. List some ways to encourage yourself in the Lord in order to enhance the faith condition of your heart.

- How can we develop a "yes, God" attitude, no matter what he asks of you?

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