

[SERMON NOTES]

A Tale of Slaying Giants not about Slaying Giants

(1 Samuel 17:1-51)

There is no match for the _____!

Faith is born when we _____ the Living God.

Faith is sustained when we _____ the Living God.

Faith is abandoned when we _____ the Living God.

Further notes:

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

There are plenty of "David vs. Goliath" moments in our lives and everyone seems to love a good underdog story. **Share a time in your life that you witnessed some kind of David vs. Goliath underdog moment, whether in sports or some other arena of life.**

[DIGGING DEEPER]

David's first question when he heard about Goliath was this: "*What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel?*" Unlike certain "holier than thou" versions of David that are given in children's church, David's initial response to Goliath was incredibly human rather than holy... *what do I get if I beat this guy?* And the answer given was wealth and a woman. If we're being honest, we all have that desire to get a reward for hard work in our life. ***If you had been in David's shoes, what would you have wanted as a reward that would have compelled you to consider fighting Goliath?***

Despite his human desires, David still defends and declares the power of the Living God in the face of his enemies, and his battle with Goliath is not the only time this happens. Over the course of his lifetime, David made many enemies and wrote often about them in many of the Psalms. ***Choose one or two of the following Psalms and read them. What do these prayers and songs of David tell you about his faith in the face of his enemies throughout his life?***

Psalm 143

Psalm 59

Psalm 23

The landing point of the message this week was honoring the Living God. The first of three final points was: *faith is born when we experience the Living God. What are some of the times throughout your life that you have experienced the Living God? How did these spur on faith in your life?*

The second point was: *faith is sustained when we honor the Living God. In what ways in the past have you honored God? How are you honoring Him in your daily life now?*

The final point was: *faith is abandoned when we reject the Living God. In what ways have you rejected God in the past? Are you rejecting Him in any way now? How has/is this rejection affecting your faith?*

How can you honor the Living God more in your daily life?

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: *What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?*

1 Samuel 17

Acts 13

Psalm 23

Hebrews 10