Courage to Face Impossible Situations

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INTRODUCTION

- Dad, I'm not sure that this is really one of those stories that is very applicable to us. Because when am I gonna run into a giant?
- And all the men of Israel when they saw the man, that is Goliath, fled from him, and were very much afraid.
- All of us, if we're really honest, have some elements of this life that truly scare us.

1 The Giants I Had to Face Before Goliath

1 Samuel 17:8–10; 1 Samuel 17:24–29; Revelation 2:10

- There are many giants in this story, and there's many giants in every single one of us, regardless of our age, and regardless of where we are in our life.
- Here's the first giant David had to face. And it's a giant you and I face every day. It's the giant of a fake message.
- It is the giant of tolerance.
- We need to have the courage to be able to stand up and say, this is madness. And we need to have the courage to do it with love.
- It was a giant of instant gratification.
- There was one more giant that David had to face before he even stood in front of Goliath. And it was the giant of fear or self-doubt.

2 Focus on the Lord's Message

1 Samuel 17:44–47; Matthew 6:25–34

- His focus was not on the fear, his focus was not on the foe, his focus was not on the giant. His focus was on the Lord.
- Number one, you focus on the Lord's message.
- But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
- If we'll put him first, the anxieties of these worlds, the challenges that every man seems to be overwhelmed with will not be your worries. Because your mind is on something else.
- The Lord doesn't call anxiety a sin. Because faith is never greater than when we are scared and we continue to move forward.
- He's tuned out Goliath. He's tuned out the fake news. And he's listened to what is true.

3 Focus Upon the Lord's Weapon

1 Samuel 17:44–47; Jeremiah 17:8

- The Lord does not save with a sword or a spear. The Lord does not need carnal weapons.
- No, the Lord wins when his will lives in the heart of his people.
- We carry with us the greatest weapons that have ever been given to man. The word of God.
- Be anxious for nothing. But in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God.
- And then the next weapon is you serve. You serve. You get up and you do what is the will of the Lord.

4 Focus Upon the Lord's Power

Isaiah 35:4

- Notice the battle is the Lord's.
- I have asked for the Lord to live in me, and simply this battle is him living in me.
- Say to those who have an anxious heart, be strong and fear not. Behold, your God will come with a vengeance.
- God has never, ever been more powerful than when he moves through his people.
- Our Lord Jesus did not stay in the grave, and neither will we.

THE CHALLENGE

I know it's not easy. I know. I know. I know. But remember who is on your side. More importantly, remember whose side you are on. For your God guarantees victory.

MY NOTES