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May 2024 WEEK FOUR

DEFEATING OUR GOLIATH'S

Life's "Goliaths" come in all shapes, sizes, and intensities: an unhappy relationship, a difficult job, a pile of debt. In today's passage, David faced what appeared to be an insurmountable problem, but he was victorious through God's power. Let me assure you if He did it for David He can do it again!

David declared victory over Goliath before the battle even began. His confidence was rooted in his past experiences with the Lord. What's more, David believed triumph was certain because he came in the name of the Lord. As a shepherd, he'd spent hours alone in the wilderness, listening to God's voice. Even a giant's discouraging shout couldn't shake his convictions about who God was and what He could do through His servant.

David had practical faith habits. A strong relationship with the Lord developed from spending time in His presence. This in turn enabled David to face problems with certainty that he was a beloved child of God, with full access to his Father's storehouses of power, courage, and wisdom. If doubts ever arose, he could look back on God's great faithfulness in past troubles.

To be victorious, we should practice David's spiritual habits. Spend time with God and keep a record of His work in your life. Then you can be confident that He is sufficient, no matter the obstacle.

This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 1 Samuel 17:46

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for being the God of victorious living in my life. Because of you I can face every goliath, every obstacle knowing that I have victory in you. Help me to always trust you over everything else. In Jesus name, Amen.