

BELIEF, A HEART LIKE HIS, FAITH-FAMILY-DISCIPLINESHIP

Old Testament Unit - A Heart Like His - *The Harder They Fall* - Jan. 14, 2018

Text: 1 Samuel 17: 1-58

Intro: Today, we look at the story of David and Goliath. This is one of the most popular stories in the bible. People that do not own a bible can tell you this story. You have probably heard many sermons, taught your children, and even taught a bible class about this story. Without reading the text, what lessons have you learned from your past experiences with the story that will help us today?

Read 1 Samuel 16. What significant events happened in David's life that lead up to this story?

I. 1 Sam.17:1-7,16,28,33 - Our Faith Will Often Be Challenged

1. What challenges did David face from the Israelites? (17:1-3,16)

From Goliath? (17:4-7)

From Eliab? (17:28)

From Saul? (17:33)

2. What kinds of challenges to our faith do we face in our culture today?

3. The Lord calls whom He _____.

Be bigger than your _____.

Stop making E_____ S!

When the enemy laughs at what God's people are doing, it is usually a sign that God is going to _____!

II. 1 Sam.17:8-24 - Challenges to Our Faith Are Often Intimidating

1. What was Goliath's challenge? (17:8-11)

2. What was the situation that David found when he arrived at the battle site? (17:20-24)

3. We need to believe its P_____! How can faith-requiring struggles help our spiritual walk?

III. 1 Sam. 17:25-40 - God Can Prepare Both Young and Old for Great Acts of Faith

1. What does 17:25 say about Saul's leadership?

2. (17:25-26) Saul's soldiers called Goliath this M_____. David called Goliath this U_____ P_____! Saul's soldiers spoke of who would kill Goliath, while David spoke of who would kill and takes _____! Saul's soldiers saw someone who defied I_____, while David saw someone who defied the _____!

3. David was not fighting his giant personal enemy, he was fighting _____ enemy!

The Lord prepares His S_____ S!

Like David, we need to know our W_____ S & be Y_____!

Goliath was challenging God's people to _____!

IV. 1 Sam.17:41-58 - God Honors Courageous Faith

1. What did Goliath tell David he would do to him? How did David reply? How did David's victory affect the rest of Saul's army?

2. Think bigger than the C_____! Be bigger than the O_____! Act as if it is impossible for you to F_____! Don't underestimate your C_____ S!

3. God's people are involved in a S_____ B_____!

4. Make use of what God has already G_____ you!

5. Remember, our God is R_____ and full of P_____!