

**“The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”
1 Samuel 16:7**

**I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always.
1 Samuel 2:35**

FAITHFUL MEN

1 Samuel 17

WEEK #: 12

Gentlemen,

Ok, we find ourselves at a very familiar narrative, David vs. Goliath

1. Where are you in the story? Do you have things in common with David? Saul? The Elder brothers? ...or a little bit of each person?
2. If at first you had trouble thinking about how to answer the previous question, here are some things to think about
 - a. Are you running toward problems or avoiding? (procrastination, denial, fear etc...)
 - b. When you tackle challenges are you doing it in your own strength and determination or in concert with God's wisdom, power, creativity and insight? If not, how can you make that come to pass? What is hindering that process?
 - c. Are you living for the Namesake of God? What does that mean?
 - d. Do you need to demand or command authority? Raise your voice? Why is all that necessary? What is missing? Think and journal your thoughts concerning such behavior in you or in someone else? What is missing?
 - e. Why did David reject Saul's armor? What would Saul's armor represent in your life?
 - f. How is your "thought life"? Rather than remove your head, what needs to go that is causing weakness in your thought life?
3. Are you actively doing what you do best and enjoy the most?
4. Can you testify to victories that you have had in your life? Why not share them with someone this week?

You will receive another encouraging email this Wednesday—be blessed and be a blessing.

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