

## **Courageous Faith**

### **Part 9—Realizing Your Goals, Confidence in the Face of Danger**

- David—a boy—is about to give us all a lesson in \_\_\_\_\_  
God really is

#### **1. Battle by Champions.**

*1 Samuel 17:4-7—<sup>4</sup>Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! <sup>5</sup>He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. <sup>6</sup>He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. <sup>7</sup>The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield. (NLT)*

*1 Samuel 17:8-11—<sup>8-10</sup>Goliath stood there and called out to the Israelite troops, “Why bother using your whole army? Am I not Philistine enough for you? And you’re all committed to Saul, aren’t you? So, pick your best fighter and pit him against me. If he gets the upper hand and kills me, the Philistines will all become your slaves. But if I get the upper hand and kill him, you’ll all become our slaves and serve us. I challenge the troops of Israel this day. Give me a man. Let us fight it out together!” <sup>11</sup>When Saul and his troops heard the Philistine's challenge, they were terrified and lost all hope. (MSG)*

*1 Samuel 17:16—<sup>16</sup>For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand. (NIV)*

*1 Samuel 17:18b-19—<sup>18</sup>. . . “Find out how your brothers are doing and bring back something that shows that they’re all right. <sup>19</sup>They’re with Saul’s army, fighting the Philistines in Elah Valley.” (CEV)*

#### **2. The Child Champion.**

*1 Samuel 17:20b-22—<sup>20</sup>. . . He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. <sup>21</sup>Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. <sup>22</sup>David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines, and greeted his brothers. (NIV)*

*1 Samuel 17:26b—<sup>26</sup>. . . “Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?” (NIV)*

- When God’s cause is at stake, God’s people should \_\_\_\_\_!

*1 Samuel 17:32-37—<sup>32</sup>“Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him!” <sup>33</sup>“Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied. “There’s no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re only a boy, and he’s been a man of war since his youth.” <sup>34</sup>But David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said. “When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. <sup>36</sup>I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! <sup>37</sup>The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!” Saul finally consented. “All right, go ahead,” he said. “And may the LORD be with you!” (NLT)*

- Most of us never get going for God because we want Him to \_\_\_\_\_ us first
  - God will never put more in your hand until you’re willing to use what’s \_\_\_\_\_

#### **3. Standing Alone in Total Abandonment and Standing Tall.**

*1 Samuel 17:41-44—<sup>41</sup>Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him, <sup>42</sup>sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy. <sup>43</sup>“Am I a dog,” he roared at David, “that you come at me with a stick?” And he cursed David by the names of his gods.*

<sup>44</sup>“Come over here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” Goliath yelled. (NLT)

1 Samuel 17:45-46—<sup>45</sup>David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>This day the LORD will hand you over to me . . . Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air . . . and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. (NIV)

- There are no easy roads to victory—it takes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to face the obstacles of life

### **Action Step . . .**

- Abandon yourself to the cause and purpose of God
- Watch Him work!