



RACEWAY

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

THE WINNING TEAM

1 Samuel 17 recounts the battle between David and Goliath. Goliath was over 9 feet tall with a breast plate that weighed 125 pounds and the staff of his spear weighed 15 pounds, while David was just a young shepherd boy with a slingshot and 5 stones. Like David, we all have giants that we battle in life. They may not be as big as David's giant, but they sure seem big to us.

Four Principles for Winning in Life:

1. Put your problem in **PERSPECTIVE**. Don't forget, we serve a **LIVING** God.
How does God's Word tell us we should look at our problems?
1 Samuel 17:45; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
2. Develop an attitude of **FAITH**. God uses our past **VICTORIES** to prepare us for future victories.
How can we utilize our faith to overcome the battles in our lives?
1 Samuel 17:34-37, 46; 2 Corinthians 4:13; 1 John 5:4-5
3. Utilize your **WEAPONS** of warfare. The weapons we use are **SPIRITUAL**, not physical.
What are some spiritual weapons God has given us to fight our battles?
James 4:2; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 17:20; 1 Corinthians 2:4-5
4. Realize the battle is not yours, it's the **LORD'S**. We overcome giants and win the victory through **CHRIST**.
How does knowing your battles are God's battles help you be strong in the Lord and the power of His might?
1 Samuel 17:47; Exodus 14:14; Proverbs 21:31

Discuss how reading the bible **CHRIST** centered instead of **MAN** centered helps us understand that we can only win in life through Jesus Christ?

1 Corinthians 15:57; Romans 8:37; Revelation 12:11

What's Next

- Don't constantly look at the size of your problem. Look at how big your God is.
- Increase your faith by reading and hearing the Word more than listening to the things of the world.
- Put on the whole armor of God that is found in Ephesians 6 every day.
- Fight the good fight of faith. It's a good fight because we win.