

SERMON NOTES

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DAVID FIGHTS GOLIATH
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THE CONVERSATION WITH:

1. Jesse: _____ Over Pride

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Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp. Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them. They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines."

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2. The Soldiers: _____ over Fear

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David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)

For we live by faith, not by sight.

3. Eliab: _____ over Frustration

1 Samuel 17:28-30 (NIV)

When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle." "Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?" He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before.

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Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

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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. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

SELF ASSESSMENT:

1) Jesse: Humility over Pride - Are you looking for something "great" when God is watching how you handle the small?

2) Soldiers: Identity over Fear - Who do you belong to?

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