

The Sound of Victory

When we speak it must be speaking from who we are in Christ, and what we have in Him. And Christ only knew one way of living life, and that was a life of victory. May what we read inspire us to use our words to help and not hinder us in walking in all that God has for us.

David and Goliath

The story of David defeating Goliath is well known. I want us to investigate how David came with a mindset and brought a sound of victory into this difficult situation.

We have the description of Goliath, **1 Samuel 17:4-7**:

And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.⁵ And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass.⁶ And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders.⁷ And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

He was a problem. A big imposing problem that naturally no Israelite could compete against. We will face problems like this in our lives. That are far more than we are able to deal with in the natural.

What Goliath said, **1 Samuel 17:8-10**:

And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.⁹ If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.¹⁰

And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.

The enemy is trying to intimidate God's people with natural means and speaking evil against them. To Israel this looked impossible naturally, **1 Samuel 17:11**:

When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

You see Goliath had struck fear into the heart of the people of Israel with his words. We must not let the words of the enemy have a place in our lives. We must resist it. The problem for the Israelites was they were not saying anything to counter what Goliath was saying. They were dismayed and greatly afraid. Someone needed to stand up and say that God was going to deliver them from this situation.

This happened for 40 days (**1 Samuel 17:16**). That means for 40 days they listened to the enemy say how he was going to defeat them. They were like a deer caught in the headlights. He was speaking every morning and evening these evil words and the Israelites just sat there and listened. This reminds of the news broadcasts that we have – the morning news and the evening news. We allow them to pour unbelief into us and we wonder why we are caught like a deer in the headlights in tough situations. We have been allowing the enemy to speak into us and intimidate us.

While everyone else is struggling with the situation, David sees the victory in the situation. He sees that there is something to win and he says that there is something to win. Why was this? Because he

was out fellowshipping with the Lord for these 40 days. He learned that the Lord was His Shepherd and he shall not want. While he was spending time with the Lord, he had challenges come up against him and he overcame them by the Lord's help.

When you are not plugged into the enemies broadcast you will have a different outlook to everyone else. You will see things from God's perspective. Let us look at what David was saying, **1 Samuel 17:26:**

And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?

What shall be done to the man that kills this Philistine?

The first thing David is looking at, is winning. You need to be looking at the situation as if you have won it all already. You need to be so far ahead in the future that you are already thinking about how you are going to handle the victory.

David didn't ask:

- "How big is this guy"
- "How experienced is he?"
- "How big is his sword?"
- "How many people has he killed?"

David did not analyse the problem. He did not magnify the natural means that were against him. He was too busy dreaming and speaking out the victory that was in his heart.

David did not say what do "I get for fighting and trying to kill this guy?".

David said 'I am going to kill this guy!' What do I get?

He wanted to know what the reward was for finishing this guy off and killing him.

This is how we look at situations, we speak as winners. We speak as people who have already overcome the situation, the circumstance, the problem. You see cancer attacking you, you already speak the victory. Do not ask how many people it has beaten, or how big and bad it is. Speak from a place of victory. Ask the question "how many people will get born again, healed and delivered when they hear the testimony of how God set me free from cancer?" That's what we need to be declaring!

We use our words to create a climate of victory around us.

David did not say, "I hope I can beat him", He didn't say "I wished I could beat him". He went further and said "what is my reward for beating this guy?". His mindset had already gone past the battle. He was already envisaging himself enjoying the after party. He wanted to know what was instore for his victory.

There are no ifs buts or maybes. It is just winning. That was David's mentality. Everyone else was imagining death while David was imagining victory. How are you viewing the situation? How are you speaking about it? Are you speaking of victory that you have in Christ? Do not say, "If I'm well enough I would like to travel here and there." Say "I will travel here and there because by His stripes I am healed!"

Maybe there is somewhere you have always wanted to visit but it is out of your current budget financially. Instead of saying “I can’t afford that.” We should say “God will show me how to afford that” and then let God show how you can afford that desire which is in your heart. He will give you creative ideas and supernatural wisdom. Start to imagine yourself there. And then speak it out of your mouth. David saw and spoke the victory. It is important to see and speak what is ours in Christ Jesus.

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The next thing that David did was position himself in the covenant that he had with God. He recognised that the Philistine did not have a covenant with God. The man was uncircumcised. He had no agreement with God, no favour with God. NOTHING!

David knew that he had a covenant with God. He knew that Israel were God’s chosen people. He backed Himself because of this. He thought, if God is for me, then who can be against me! This is what gave David the belief that he could defeat Goliath, the covenant he had with God.

You see Goliath against God was a no brainer. God wins every time. God is a winner and he only knows how to win. That same God is living on the inside of you! That spirit that is on the inside of you is a winning spirit! Your born-again spirit does not know how to lose!

How do we get this manifested in our lives? We declare the covenant that we have with God and the promises that come with that covenant.

However, when you start speaking about your covenant with God you will have opposition, **1 Samuel 17:28-30:**

And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. ²⁹ And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?

³⁰ And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

David’s own brother tried to belittle him. Why? Because Eliab felt challenged by David’s trust in God and instead of being inspired to believe God also, he tried to tear David down. Often people try to tear others down because they don’t like being challenged. They would rather pull them back down to their place of mediocrity.

What did David do? **And he turned from him toward another.** He did not waste time on people who were attacking his faith. He kept declaring, “what do you get for this victory?”. Sometimes the best thing you can do is to turn and not allow someone to attack your faith. Do not be offended at them, just don’t give them the time to speak unbelief into your life.

When David went out to battle, Goliath tried to mock him but David replied, **1 Samuel 17:46-47:**

This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ And

all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

David spoke how he was going to have this victory. Importantly he said **this day** he will be victorious. Faith is now. It is not in the future it is NOW.

The passage follows with David fulfilling the words that came out of his mouth. He killed Goliath and caused the Philistines to run for their lives.

I encourage you, speak your victory and see your words come to pass in this life!

Questions:

1. Why were the Israelites dismayed and afraid of Goliath?
2. What can we do to stop ourselves being dismayed and afraid in difficult situations?
3. What reasons can you see as to why David was so full of faith?
4. What should we be looking at when in difficult situations?
5. Why was Goliath being uncircumcised so significant?
6. How does circumcision/covenant relate to us today as Christians?
7. What should we do when people are belittling us like Eliab?
8. Are there areas where you need to start declaring victory, and what scriptures will you stand on? (could be homework 😊)
9. What inspired or challenged you in this message?