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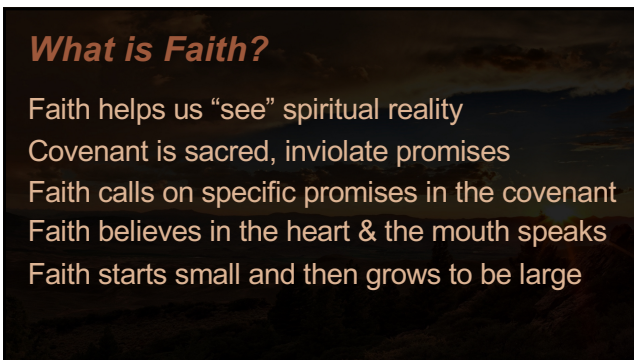
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***What is Faith?***

Promises enable us to live a supernatural life  
Faith is the only way to please God  
Faith Feeds on the Word  
Faith speaks the Word

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***Our Words Have Power***

We believe our words more than any other source which is why we must speak the word of God over our lives (“not let the book of the law depart from our mouth”). God’s words become our words. Faith comes from hearing words filled with faith. Fear comes from hearing words laden with fear and anxiety.

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***1 Samuel 17***

1 Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle. And they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. 2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in line of battle against the Philistines.

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**1 Samuel 17**

3 And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. 4 And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

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**1 Samuel 17**

5 He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. 6 And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders.

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**1 Samuel 17**

7 The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him. 8 He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.

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**1 Samuel 17**

9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.” 10 And the Philistine said, “I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together.”

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**1 Samuel 17**

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

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**Discerning Words**

Goliath    Insulting words from a rival create fear and dismay

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**1 Samuel 17**

17 And Jesse said to David his son, "Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers. 18 Also take these ten cheeses to the commander of their thousand. See if your brothers are well, and **bring some token from them.**"

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**Discerning Words**

Goliath    Insulting words from a rival create fear and dismay  
Jesse        Directive words from a superior to guide your work

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**1 Samuel 17**

19 Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. 20 And David rose early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper and took the provisions and went, as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the encampment as the host was going out to the battle line, shouting the war cry.

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**1 Samuel 17**

21 And Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. 22 And David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage and ran to the ranks and went and greeted his brothers.

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**1 Samuel 17**

23 As he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

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**1 Samuel 17**

24 All the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were much afraid. 25 And the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel. And the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and will give him his daughter and make his father's house free in Israel."

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**Discerning Words**

- Goliath Insulting words from a rival create fear and dismay
- Jesse Directive words from a superior to guide your work
- Soldiers Visionary words from an acquaintance that describe rewards

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**1 Samuel 17**

26 And David said to the men who stood by him, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" 27 And the people answered him in the same way, "So shall it be done to the man who kills him."

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**1 Samuel 17**

28 Now Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke to the men. And Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle."

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**1 Samuel 17**

29 And David said, "What have I done now? Was it not but a word?" 30 And he turned away from him toward another, and spoke in the same way, and the people answered him again as before.

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**Discerning Words**

Eliab Belittling words from someone who reminds you of the past

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**1 Samuel 17**

30 And he turned away from him toward another, and spoke in the same way, and the people answered him again as before. 31 When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul, and he sent for him. 32 And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

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**1 Samuel 17**

33 And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth."

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**Discerning Words**

Eliab Belittling words from someone who reminds you of the past  
Saul Probing words from someone who wants to know why you're confident

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**1 Samuel 17**

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock,

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**1 Samuel 17**

35 I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. 36 Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God."

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**1 Samuel 17**

37 And David said, "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!"

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**Discerning Words**

- Eliab      Belittling words from someone who reminds you of the past
- Saul        Probing words from someone who wants to know why you're confident
- David       Bold words glorifying God about His work in your life (testimony)

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**1 Samuel 17**

38 Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail,

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**1 Samuel 17**

39 and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." So David put them off. 40 Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine.

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**Discerning Words**

David     Humble words that recognize our limitations

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**1 Samuel 17**

41 And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. 42 And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. 43 And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

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**1 Samuel 17**

44 The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field."

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**Discerning Words**

David Humble words that recognize our limitations  
Goliath Mocking words to dismiss your calling and anointing

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**1 Samuel 17**

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

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**1 Samuel 17**

46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,

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**1 Samuel 17**

47 and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand."

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*Discerning Words*

- David Humble words that recognize our limitations
- Goliath Mocking words to dismiss your calling and anointing
- David Fighting words that frame the battle as between the enemy and God

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*Faith Boasts on God*

Faith speaks against intimidation and fear and boasts about the sovereignty and superiority of God

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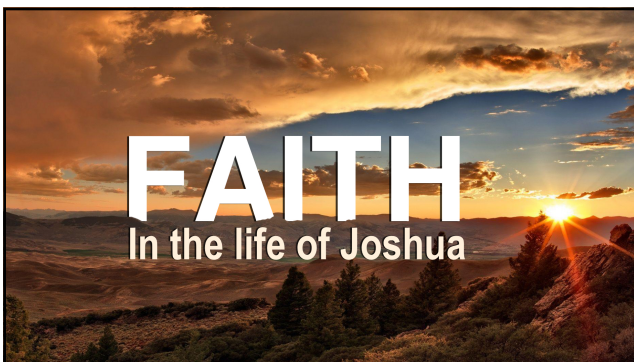
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