

Courage is the antidote to fear, and it always requires the right heart.

1. Listen to God's truth.

- **1 Samuel 16:7** – But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”
- **1 Samuel 17:8** – Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. “Why are you all coming out to fight?” he called. “I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me!”
- **1 Samuel 17:28** – But when David’s oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. “What are you doing around here anyway?” he demanded. “What about those few sheep you’re supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!”
- **1 Samuel 17:33** – “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.”

2. Desire God's glory.

- **1 Samuel 17:26, 32** – David asked the soldiers standing nearby, “What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?” “Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him!”

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3. Recall God's faithfulness.

- **1 Samuel 17:34-37** – 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, 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. 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! 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!"

4. Trust in God's power.

- **1 Samuel 17:45-47** – David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD's battle, and he will give you to us!"

Coming Soon:

1. **Connect Class:** If you're interested in learning more about DRC and how to become a member, join us for our next Connect Class on Sunday, April 21st. Stop by the Connect Center to sign up today.
2. **Serve Our City:** Join us on Tuesday, April 23rd from 6-8pm at God's Pit Crew to assemble Blessing Buckets that will serve many in our city and around the country. We will also be collecting donations through the end of the month. Stop by the Connect Center to sign up (only 36 spots available—must be 10 or older) and to pick up a list of donation needs.
3. **DRC Choir:** Once again, DRC is looking to have a choir on Sunday, May 19th. If you're interested, please email Pastor Daniel at Daniel.Elias@danriverchurch.org. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays at 6pm.
4. **Honduras 2024:** Start praying now for our team that will be serving in our adopted village in Honduras June 9th-14th. You will be able to start donating items and helping our team with preparations for this trip on April 21st.