

Friday

Please read Psalm 27:1-8. This psalm gives us some insight into the source of David's confidence. Why do you think he ties his confidence into worship and singing?

How does worship and "dwelling" in God's presence increase your confidence?

How has a week of studying God's love and faithfulness encouraged you?

Thank God today for the opportunity to grow in faith and confidence in Him. Pray about your giants. Lay the battle at God's feet and ask Him to equip you and strengthen you.


Saturday

Please read Isaiah 40:31. In what area of your life do you hope to "soar on wings like eagles"?

Please pray for this weekend's service. Pray for our guest speaker, Steve Clifford and our worship leader, Dave Burns. Pray that God will use the services to reach people and grow our church in faith and numbers.

The Short List: Choosing Courage

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 **YOU GOTTA
READ
THIS!**
PASSAGES THAT PUMP ME UP

The Giant's Style

- 1. He was _____**
And he stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, and said to them, "Why do you come out to draw up in battle array? Am I not the Philistine and you servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me." *1 Samuel 17:8*
- 2. He was _____**
And the Philistine came forward morning and evening for forty days and took his stand. *1 Samuel 17:16*
- 3. He was outside a relationship with _____**
"For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?" *1 Samuel 17:26*

David: The Unlikely Hero

- 1. He was the _____**
And David was the youngest. *1 Samuel 17:14*
- 2. He was a part-time _____**
But David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's flock. *1 Samuel 17:15*
- 3. He was a part-time _____**
"Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful musician." *1 Samuel 16:18*

The Timeless Principles of Courage.

- 1. The Courageous take the _____**
Then David spoke to the men who were standing by him, saying, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel?" *1 Samuel 17:26*
- 2. The Courageous learn to handle _____**
Then Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth while he has been a warrior from his youth." *1 Samuel 17:33*

3. The Courageous are victorious in their own _____

And he took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook... and his sling was in his hand and he approached the Philistine. *1 Samuel 17:40*

4. The Courageous know their strength is from _____

This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands... for the battle is the LORD's and He will give you into our hands. *1 Samuel 17:46-47*

Daily Meditations

Take a few minutes every day to read Scripture, pray, and answer some thought-provoking questions pertaining to this week's topic.

Monday

Please read 1 Samuel 17:1-11. What giant are you facing right now?

What is one thing from the sermon that has encouraged you as you face your giants this week?

How does the story of David and Goliath give you hope today?

Thank God today that in His power and strength you can face your giants. Pray that you'll trust more in His strength and less on your own.

Tuesday

Please read 1 Samuel 17:28-37. Are you surprised that David's brother was so critical? Why or why not?

How does David's response to Saul help you as you face your giants?

Please read Isaiah 41:10. How does this verse encourage in your battle with the giants in your life? How can you apply it to the way you fight that battle today?

Thank God today that He is with you and that He is your strength. Pray about that giant in your life. Ask God to help you to relax in His care and strength today. Pray that your faith in His love and provision for you will grow.

Wednesday

Please read Deuteronomy 31:8, Psalm 29:11, 46:1-3 & Zephaniah 3:17. What common theme do you see in these verses?

When you're facing giants how does it help you to know that God is with you and God loves you?

How could the knowledge of that truth change the way live?

Thank God today for His love for you. Thank Him for the peace He gives. Pray that knowing He loves you and is with you will change the way you live today.

Thursday

Please read Psalm 136. How do past triumphs remind you "God's love endures forever"?

We can be so forgetful! That's one reason I love this psalm, it incorporates God's past faithfulness and His love. Take at least 5 minutes today and rewrite Psalm 136 to reflect God's past faithfulness to you. Don't forget to incorporate "His loves endures forever"!

Thank God today for His past faithfulness to you. Thank Him for His enduring love. Pray that you'll be encouraged to face your current giants because of God's past faithfulness.



"Finally, be strong in the Lord
and in his mighty power."
Ephesians 6:10 (NIV)