

BECOMING FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST



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Part 4B | **DEFEATING GOLIATHS**

Consistent victorious spiritual warfare is always experienced from the standpoint of victory in Christ. (John 16:33)

God promised Joshua and Israel all the land upon which they set their feet, but they still had to take possession of it. In the same way, as believers we have the authority to tread upon all the forces of darkness (Luke 10:19-20), but we still need to battle against the enemy who steals, kills, and destroys (John 10:10).



1. **The battle in our mind** — 2 Corinthians 10:4-6 *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.*
2. **The strategy of our spiritual enemy is simple** — He either instills pride in our own strength and ability or he floods us with fear and confusion, causing us to retreat and isolate.
 - By doing this he is diminishing our inheritance in God and creating newer, smaller inheritance. (Psalm 16:-6; Proverbs 22:28)
3. **But, we can be bold as a lion** — Proverbs 28:13 *The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.* This is an inner confidence (in God) and an absence of fear or tendency to withdraw or retreat.

Key — A perspective based on _____ rather than on what we see *will* affect us in a very real way.

A Classic Example of David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17:1-54

Israel and David's opposing perspectives in warfare.

1. It all began with a request when David was asked to go and provide his brothers with supplies and refreshing in the battle.

Notes...

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Memory verses

2 Corinthians 10:4-6
Proverbs 28:13

Answers

God's Word
ran

Main thought that the Holy Spirit revealed to me...

2. David saw the battlefield with Israel, God’s army hiding and covering behind the rocks, and then faced Eliab’s insults. (Verses 28-29)
 - Eliab was the offended older brother not picked in Samuel’s visit to anoint the next King in 1 Samuel 16.
3. Then he faced King Saul who belittled him but offered him what he knew best, human tools and ingenuity. (Verses 31-37)
4. As David _____ to the battle, he faced Goliath’s insults and threats. (Verses 41-48) Not moved by what he heard, David boldly used God’s Word in a legal fashion, “I come in the Name of the Lord!”

Additional thoughts...

Goliath’s Strategy

1. Goliath *lowered* Israel from the position of God’s chosen people (Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 14:2; 1 Peter 2:9-10) to an army following a man!
2. Goliath *established* the rules for Israel. When Israel listened to Goliath’s threats the result was paralyzing fear and they hid from him.
 - In the same way the devil deceives us to think he has the power (and authority) to create the rules. BUT ... we are ruled by God’s Word and by what He says! (See QR code below)

David’s Approach

1. Not moved by what he had heard nor intimidated by what lie in front of him, David had faith in God’s great power. He approached the battle from a position of victory already won! (Verses 46-47; John 16:33)
2. David spoke from a perspective of victory *before* the battle (confessing and acting upon God’s Word) and ran to confront the giant, Goliath.
3. When David slew Goliath, Israel immediately had a different perspective which motivated them to act and defeat their enemy.
 - Our faith can have the power to ignite the faith of others!

Making it Real

1. In 2 Corinthians 10:4-6 we are instructed to deal with intimidating threats and lies from our enemy in an aggressive manner! This “tearing down” is, in reality, placing God’s Word *against and over* the lies of the enemy and our own thoughts, fears, anger, etc.
 - An example is Jesus’ victory over the devil in the wilderness in Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-13.
2. Name the “Goliaths” in your own life.
 - What Scriptures can you use to defeat those lies?
 - How would this change your life and the lives of others?

