

## **Sermon Discussion Questions: July 6, 2025**

### **When God Uses Someone**

#### **Call to Worship: Psalm 20:6-8**

1. It was common for the Israelites to face enemies that had superior weapons. The Assyrians, for example, had steel swords, and horses and chariots. The Jews had iron and bronze, and mostly donkeys. So, David's claim in verse 8 required deep faith.
  - a. Share an incident in Scripture in which faith in God proved to be more important than quality of weapons or numbers of soldiers.
  - b. Does active self-defense (e.g. owning a handgun.) or passive self-defense (e.g. locks and alarm systems) indicate a lack of faith in God's providence? In general, does preparation indicate a lack of faith? Before answering, consider Ephesians 6:10-12.
2. How does this passage relate to the sermon?

#### **Sermon: 1 Samuel 17**

#### **No obstacle too big - Verses 4-10**

3. If we apply this story to our current lives, who might the following characters represent?
  - a. Goliath
  - b. Saul
  - c. David
  - d. The Israelite army
4. Goliath was certainly intimidating.
  - a. Where in scripture do we see someone standing up to intimidation?
  - b. Share a personal story of standing up to intimidation.
  - c. Share a personal story of overcoming an obstacle that appeared impossible to overcome.
5. What were David's orders from his father?
6. David obviously went far beyond his father's orders. How do we discern, when we see people struggling with a problem, whether to stay out of it, be affirming, or become actively engaged?

### **Recall previous victory - Verses 37-40**

7. Saul and his army were looking at Goliath. David was looking at \_\_\_\_\_.
8. What comparison did Pastor Paul draw between this passage and the Christmas story?
9. Often, when we succumb to temptation, we have stopped looking at \_\_\_\_\_, and instead looked at the \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Defeating through divine power - Verses 46-49**

10. What does verse 45 imply about David's world view?
11. Verses 55 and 58 imply that Saul was unfamiliar with David. How do we reconcile this with David and Saul's previous relationship, when David was his personal musician?
12. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10, conveys the idea of 'more of God, less of me.' State another verse or incident in the Bible that conveys the same idea.
13. In retrospect, knowing the whole story of Saul, what character flaw might have been expressed when Saul encouraged David to use Saul's armor?
14. How did Goliath's demise relate back to a particular sin, and the sin's punishment specified in Leviticus 24.

### **Prayer Points:**

- What hard (seemingly impossible) tasks is God calling me to?
- Repent from times we have trusted in our own strength rather than God's.
- Since Christ defeated sin and death, praise him for victory.