

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 17:1-58

PART FIVE

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“WINNING THE BATTLES OF LIFE”

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

I Samuel 17:31-58

Tonight –

It would be well for us to remember what that Bible teaches about warfare and what the results of warfare are!

Number #1 – **Victory !** / Number #2 – **Territory !** / Number #3 – **Expansion !**

Things That Every Kingdom is Interested in Obtaining – Advancement!!!

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you even unto the end of the world..."

Pastor Jack –“Advancement of the Kingdom, Sounds Great, Cool, Sign me up...”

And so, we should. We are in a spiritual battle, for humans, the destination of men's souls for all eternity.

It Sounds Great Jack But... *this “killing” of Goliath thing...*

Exodus 20:13

"You shall not murder.

Kill / Murder

HEB 7523 ratsach (raw-tsakh');
to kill by murder: to kill being a manslayer.

**In This Fallen World,
God has Sanctioned War Among Nations**

Part 1

The Christian must
“Awaken to the Conflict”

1 Samuel 17:1-7

Part 2

That The Time is Now for us to
“Enter into the Battle”

1 Samuel 17:8-11

Part 3

For all of time and eternity
“We Have a Cause”

1 Samuel 17:12-30

Part 4

We can rest assured because

“We Know the Ending”

1 Samuel 17:31-58

***I Believe that “Real Life Victory”
is Needed like never before.***

2 Timothy 3:12-14

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

Modern day Giants in Our Land

They may not be 9 or 10 feet tall today – they’re worse!
They come in convenient sizes like magazines or silent attacks via the Internet

WE HAVE GIANTS IN THE LAND!

And Through the Example of David, we shall see Jesus – Our Example of Winning the Battles of Life

WINNING THE WARS OF LIFE

We can rest assured because “We Know the Ending”

1.) Our faith needn’t be shaken... because vv. 31-37

1 Samuel 17:31-37

Now when the words which David spoke were heard, they reported them to Saul; and he sent for him.³² **Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."**³³ And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth³⁴ **But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear**

came and took a lamb out of the flock, ³⁵ I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. ³⁶ "Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷ Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

Our faith needn't be shaken... because

1a.) Our very existence is in His hands – right now!

Verse 31-32

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Our faith needn't be shaken... because

1b.) We are well taken care of – right now!

Verse 33-36

And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from the days of his youth ³⁴ **But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, ³⁵ I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. ³⁶ "Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God."**

***Jesus' Love for Us
It's my Strength and my Comfort***

His Love for Lisa... His Love for Rebekah... His Love for Ashley...

"Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock,³⁵ I went out after it and struck it and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it.

I See Jesus Here in This, Toward Me

Our faith needn't be shaken... because

1c.) Our Defender is greater than any enemy – right now!

Verse 37

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

WINNING THE WARS OF LIFE

We can rest assured because "We Know the Ending"

2.) Our lives have been empowered... because vv. 39-47

WINNING THE WARS OF LIFE

We can rest assured because "We Know the Ending"

1 Samuel 17:39-47

David fastened his (Saul's) sword to his (Saul's) armor, and he tried to walk, for he had not tested them. And David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them."

So David took them off.⁴⁰ Then he took his staff (for sheep) in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, (for sheep) in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand (for sheepling). And he drew near to the Philistine.⁴¹ So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore

the shield went before him.⁴² And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking.⁴³ So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.⁴⁴ And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of

the air and the beasts of the field!" ⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, 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. ⁴⁶ "This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ "Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands."

"Empowered"

– Yet Where is the Power?

Acts 1:4-9

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. –

(That was a good thing – cuz - power was coming!)

The Christians Have Compromised Themselves so that there is no place for the Empowerment of The Holy Spirit

What is He going to empower? – to do what?

Our lives have been empowered... because

2a.) *There is a power not of this world*

Verse 39-43

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So David took them off. ⁴⁰ Then he took his staff (for sheep) in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag,(for sheep) in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand (for sheepling) ...And he drew near to the Philistine. ⁴¹ So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield went before him. ⁴² And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking. ⁴³ So the Philistine said to

David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

Christian, There is a power not of this world

That you and I know so little of

It's every present, but rarely seen
Saul, Israel, Goliath, David, Look Around and Tell me What do You See?
Tell Me, "Who" do you see?

David was Seeing the Invisible.

That Invisible-ness that David was seeing
Had been the Faithfulness of God over the Years

Christian, There is a power not of this world

That you and I know so little of because we refuse to look and to remember

David didn't see how little
he was compared to Goliath...

David Saw how little
Goliath was to God...

Not to mention that fact that
Goliath made for a huge target...

WINNING THE WARS OF LIFE

We can rest assured because “We Know the Ending”

Our lives have been empowered... because

2b.) Alone - we are no match for this world's evils

Verse 44-46

And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" ⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, 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. ⁴⁶ "This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

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

(It is incumbent upon the reader to inquire as to the veracity of this notice hereby published)

Based upon the observable and factual evidence set before us as examiners, such evidences as previously mentioned clearly renders David helpless and hopeless to the reader. This situation before us, having been carefully examined by reasonable men of sound mind and noble wit - hereby conclude David a defended shepherd even before the said contest is to commence.

He is, simply stated, a lost cause and basically one dead duck”

Alone – we're no match for this world's evils

But if we Cry to God for Strength...

Our lives have been empowered... because

2c.) God wants to show the world what He can do

Verse 47

"Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands."

This is a Pastor's Prayer

THE GREAT CHALLENGE TO ME IS THIS

This talk and walk that David had with God is Divinely Casual
"He Has No Problem Saying..."

**I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel,
whom you have defied.**

⁴⁶ "This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand,

David Believed God to be the One to do It!

WINNING THE WARS OF LIFE

We can rest assured because "**We Know the Ending**"

3.) *Life's problems look bigger... because vv. 48-51*

1 Samuel 17:48-51

So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, **that David hastened and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.** ⁴⁹ Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹ Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

Life's problems look bigger... because

3a.) They arise to me us personally

Verse 48

So it was, when the Philistine **arose** and
came and drew near...

This is when most people cave in. When evil roars or when terror attacks – because we have no faith we attempt to make friends with the very one whose mission is to destroy us...

Numbers 13:30-33

and so it was when Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." ³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." ³² And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. ³³ "There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

Verse 48

So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, **that David hastened and ran toward the "army" to meet the "Goliath."**

**Let Us hasten and run toward
the enemy**

In The Amplified Version

Ephesians 6:10-18 TLB

Last of all I want to remind you that your strength must come from the Lord's mighty power that resides within you by His Holy Spirit. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand safe against all the strategies and tricks of Satan. ¹² For we are not fighting against humans, people like us - made of flesh and blood, but against persons, non humans without like bodies-- their evil rulers of a spiritual, unseen world, they are mighty satanic creatures - great evil princes of darkness who rule this physical world; we fight against huge numbers of

wicked demonic spirits in the invisible world.¹³ So use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy whenever he attacks, and when it is all over, you will still be standing up.¹⁴ But to do this, you will need the strong belt of truth and the breastplate of God's approval.¹⁵ Wear shoes that are able to speed you on as you preach the Good News of peace with God.¹⁶ In every battle you will need faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan.¹⁷ And you will need the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit-- which is the Word of God.¹⁸ Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes. Plead with him, reminding him of your needs, and keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere.

Life's problems look bigger... because

3b.) Alone - we are no match for this world's evils

Verse 49-50

Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him.

Analysis This

- WHAT KIND OF SLING WAS IT?
- HOW MUCH DID THAT STONE WEIGH?
- DAVID, WHO TAUGHT YOU THAT SWING ACTION?

ESPN it to death

Verse 49-50

Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead,

Was There an Angel Behind That Stone?

Or

Did God Just Deliverer a Fast Ball?

Whatever Happened;

This Had Never Entered into Goliath's Head

Before

(Joke)

Listen to This

Then David put, Then Jack put, Then Kathy put, Then Mark put

James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves.

**God has Been Investing in You Every Sunday,
Wednesday...**

Matthew 10:16

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves.
Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

How About "Rambo's in the Midst of Midgets"

Deuteronomy 1:30-31

'The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, ³¹ 'and in the wilderness where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.'

Matthew 28:1-7

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. ³ His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

⁴ And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

⁵ But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷ And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Look, I told you."

Life's problems look bigger... because

3c.) We rarely take them on by faith

Verse 51

Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

Notice Some Good News Here

*What Goliath Intended to do to David
Satan Intended to do with Jesus*

Pause now and think about what
are your giants tonight?

WINNING THE WARS OF LIFE

We can rest assured because "**We Know the Ending**"

4.) We follow a God of victory... because vv. 52-58

1 Samuel 17:52-58

Now the men of Israel and Judah **arose and shouted**, and **pursued** the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Sha-a-rim, even as far as Gath and Ekron. ⁵³ Then the children of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their tents. ⁵⁴ And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent. ⁵⁵ When Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know." ⁵⁶ So the king said, "Inquire whose son this young man is." ⁵⁷ Then, as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. ⁵⁸ And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" So David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

We follow a God of victory... because

4a.) Because faith can deliver a nation

Verse 52-53

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The Difference You're Making

By The Faith of One Man - The Entire Army was spared
...A Nation, ...a Race, a People Destined for the Promises of God

By JESUS' "ONE-MAN-ACT"

A spiritual nation, A spiritual race, A spiritual people

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 17:23

"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

We follow a God of victory... because

4b.) With Him we accomplish outrageous things

Verse 54-58

And David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his tent.⁵⁵ When Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know."⁵⁶ So the king said, "Inquire whose son this young man is."⁵⁷ Then, **as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.**⁵⁸ And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" So David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

WINNING THE WARS OF LIFE

Against Emotional Giants

The power of our Fears, insecurities that bind us, robbed by worry, pinned down by anxiety, and conquering personal weaknesses

WINNING THE WARS OF LIFE

Against Physical Giants

Physical flaws in an age of beauty, The Pain of crippling infirmities,
The Advancing of Years...

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Against Spiritual Giants

The giants listed in scriptures like Ephesians 6

There are demons and fallen angels and spiritual deceptions that havoc your thoughts, or assail your faith, or feed doubt...

**Israel saw Goliath too big to fight,
David saw Goliath too big to miss**

My Friend, Hear me tonight. You will never know the victory of God without enlisting in His Battles, not yours.

Are You Fighting for Unity in the Church? – *you're going to win!*
Are You Fighting for Love in your Home? – *you're going to win!*
Are You Fighting for Holiness at Work? – *you're going to win!*
Are You Fighting for Peace in your Life? – *you're going to win!*

Yeh Wanna Kill Some Giants
Tonight?

HUSBANDS –

JUST HOLD YOUR WIVES HAND TONIGHT SILENTLY

YOUNG WOMAN –

LIFT UP YOUR BURDEN WITH HANDS

YOUNG MAN –

BOW YOUR PRIDE AND HUMBLE YOURSELF NOW

WIVES -

ASK GOD TO TAKE AWAY THOSE YEARS OF BITTERNESS

SONS -

IF YOUR FATHER COULD LIVE AGAIN HE'D CHANGE SO MUCH

DAUGHTERS –

YOUR MOM HAD TO LEARN HOW TO BE A MOM – WITH YOUR LIFE

THE END