

Facing the Giants

1 Samuel 17:48-51

⁴⁸ When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, striking down the Philistine and killing him; there was no sword in David's hand. ⁵¹ Then David ran and stood over the Philistine; he grasped his sword, drew it out of its sheath, and killed him; then he cut off his head with it.

Giving honor to God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Giving honor to the men, women, and children of God. Good morning to my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. As we look at today's text; 1 Samuel 17:48-51 we get an opportunity to look into the life of a familiar story that deals with David, Goliath, and David's faith in God to deliver the victory. The topic of our didactic sermon message is Facing the Giants.

In this account David realizes that King Saul's armor will not work for him (1 Samuel v.38-39). Have you ever felt like what works for someone else may not work for you? King Saul's armor, though it was of quality material, would not benefit David. It would only slow him down. He took it off and decided to face the giant (Goliath) with only a sling and some stones.

- **Providential Preparation**

Providential means "Occurring at a favorable time."

Preparation means "the action or process of making ready or being made ready for use or consideration."

I want you to understand that David had Providential Preparation. According to the word of God, 1 Samuel 17, verses 34-37" *But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed*

both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God. David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!"

Ut Ohhhh... Beloved, many think that Goliath was a Giant and a Bully. But David had already defeated lions and bears with the Lord on his side. (v.36) So, by the time Goliath came on the scene to face David... O my God. David had already gone through Providential Preparation. God was already preparing him to overcome any obstacle that would stand in his way. So, David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So, Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!" David went into the battle knowing that the Lord would save him.

As David ran towards Goliath, he drove a rock into his forehead. If you would allow me to share it in this vernacular. It is my belief, that when God is with you; there is an anointing that you carry with you also. Can I get a witness? Big Bethel, David had an anointing on his life. Goliath was in more trouble than he had ever seen.

- **All things work together for good.**

Romans 8:28 share "We know that **all things work together for good** for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Beloved, every now and then we all need to just stop and tell the lord "Thank You." If we are going through a trial, "All things are working together for good." If you're on the mountaintop, "All things are working together for good." Baby, if you're down in the valley, "All things are working together for good." If it seems like opposition is rising, "All things are working together for good." If It's raining outside, "All things are working together for good." If the sun is shining brightly, "All things are working together for good." If you woke up this morning, "**All things are working together for good.**"

- **The Lord is always with you.**

When you follow the Lord, you will find that the Lord is with you, even when no one else is. Matthew 28:20b shares, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." If you're going through a situation, turn it over to the Lord. He will work it out. He will provide a solution.

In Closing,

The Lord sent me to tell you this morning that you have:

- **Providential Preparation**
- **All things are working together for your good.**
- **The Lord is always with you.**

Whatever the giant may be in your life may be. You can overcome it. You have providential preparation. You didn't start this Christian journey yesterday; you've been tried and tested. All things are working together for your good. You have the God of heaven and earth with you. He will truly Bless You. He'll do it again. Just take a look at where you are now and where you have been. Hasn't he always come through. He's the same as he was then. He'll do it again. You may not know how; you may not know when, but He'll Do it Again.

If you have not accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your savior, today is the day of Salvation. Romans 10:8-11 says, "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; ⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

Benediction

Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my Gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, ²⁶ But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of

the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:
²⁷To the only wise God, be glory and majesty, through Jesus Christ Our
Lord, forever. Amen.