

e. What lesson did David say would be taught by his victory over Goliath (17:46-47)?

f. How does God's greatness and his past grace in your life help you to respond to those fearful circumstances you named in question 2c above?

**Let's Pray:**

For our missionaries:

*Howard and Marilyn Plucar - Reach Global (EFCA) Pastor-to-Missionaries (PTM) Couple*

Pray that God would miraculously provide replenishment funds to plan confidently for ministry travels. Pray that God would grant wisdom and the sensitivity of the Holy Spirit for every conversation with colleagues to build them up in faith, hope and love.

# Sermon Notes

"God Defeats Goliath Using David"

1 Samuel 17

October 1, 2017

## Introduction

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## Conclusion:

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 10-01-17

Questions adapted from 1&2 Samuel: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2012, pp. 56-59.

## Getting Started:

1. What negative effects of fear have you experienced in your life?

## Digging Deeper:

2. Read 1 Samuel 17, and consider the contrast between fear and faith.
  - a. How did Goliath's repeated challenges affect Israel's army (see 17:11, 24)?
  - b. We hear David speak for the first time in 17:26. How is his attitude toward the situation different from everyone else's? (See also 17:34-37)
  - c. What monstrous threats in your life right now tempt you to respond in fear?
3. 1 Samuel 17 emphasizes David's weakness.
  - a. In 17:12-15, how is David portrayed by the narrator? In 17:28, how is David viewed by his older brother, Eliab? In 17:33, how is David viewed by Saul? In 17:42-44, how is David viewed by Goliath?

- b. Study what Paul says about God's typical mode of operation in 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. How does this 1 Corinthians passage summarize 1 Samuel 17?

4. Consider what this story teaches about the greatness of our God.
  - a. What lesson do you see in the contrast in weaponry between Goliath and David (see 17:5-7, 40, 45, 50)?
  - b. David's deep concern for God's honor (see 17:26, 36, 45) led him to challenge Goliath. How should our own concern for God's honor be manifested?
  - c. David's confidence in God is based on God's past grace in David's life (17:34-37). What past grace in your life leads you to trust God to be good and gracious and merciful toward you again in the future?
  - d. What do you find most significant in David's understanding of God as revealed in his words to Goliath in 17:45-47?