

# **Living Large: Lessons From Old Testament Heroes**

Week 7:

1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 17:31-51

“Against All Odds”

**THE BIG IDEA:** Our lives are larger when we are shaped by our vision of God rather than our fears of Goliaths.

## **OPEN WITH PRAYER**

**GETTING STARTED:** What lessons did you learn about fear as you were growing up? Was your family more fearless or fearful?

## **LEARNING & APPLYING GOD’S WORD**

**Together, read the entire chapter 1 Samuel 17, but especially focus on verses 31-51.**

1. What dominated the minds of the Israelites as Goliath challenged them to send a man to battle him (vs. 11)?
2. How often do the Israelites mention God in this chapter? How often does David refer to God? What does this tell you about the perspective of the Israelites toward this situation? What does this tell you about the perspective David toward this situation?
3. Steve mentioned in his message that David had a “God perspective.” What does it mean to have a “God perspective”?
4. Read verses 34-37 and 45-47? Why is David confident as he anticipates battling Goliath? What do these verses tell us about David? About God?

## **LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”**

5. What does it mean to run toward our Goliaths instead of away from them? Why does God want us to battle our giants?
6. On a “God Perspective Scale” of 1-10, where would you rate yourself between 1 (“I focus on Goliaths”) and 10 (“I focus on God”)?

7. How can we develop more of a “God perspective” in our lives?
8. What Goliath are you facing in your life right now? How can your group help you to battle your Goliath?

**SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)**

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God’s grace and peace. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another’s needs. When we pray together, we find the power of God.

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