



# The Grove

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## LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 09.17.23 Pulpit Curriculum

### The Weapon of Worship: The Story of David and Goliath

Main passage: 1 Samuel 17

#### Goliath, the Philistine (vv. 1-11)

- 1) Goliath
- 2) Champion

*Champion*- "the man in the in-between"

- We all face many difficulties, fears, doubts, and trials in life, and we desperately need someone to stand in the gap for us. The greatest champion in our life as believers must be Christ Jesus.
  - A. Who or what is your "in between" that you rely on regarding the state of your soul and eternity? Do you rightly understand where good works fit in your life as a Christian? \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. When faced with challenges and fears, is there something or someone else besides Christ that you immediately run to as your "champion?" \_\_\_\_\_

#### David to the Battlefield (vv. 12-39)

- 1) David's Doordash
  - David was just simply running errands for his father, yet when he approached the battlefield, he could not just stand by and let the Lord's name be blasphemed by the enemy. He knew he could fight for God by God's strength.
- 2) Saul's Faithlessness (v. 11) [1 Sam. 16:7]
  - Saul was using his authority to manipulate men with earthly resources to fight on his behalf- evaluating the situation horizontally and measuring by human metrics- instead of lifting his eyes vertically and trusting God.
- 3) A Contagion of Courage (vv. 32, 48)
  - David knew that his strength came from the Lord. He believed his faith would fuel the courage of the Israelites, so he did not waste a moment sprinting straight at the enemy, knowing there would be victory for God's people.



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A. Like David, our faith in God helps strengthen others' faith in God. Describe a time in your life where you faced a trial and trusted the Lord in it, and you helped spur on someone else's faith in the process. \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 4) Courage from Conviction (vv.37, 47)

- Conviction comes at a cost, and we must be willing and ready to take up the strength that comes from the Lord to do the right thing for God.

A. What is an example of a "hard thing" that God is calling you to do right now? Is there something hindering you from taking initiative and moving forward in obedience to God? \_\_\_\_\_

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B. How can I grow my conviction in order to grow my courage? What areas of my faith in God are lacking? \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Victory from the Lord (vv. 40-58)

##### 1) The Blasphemy of Goliath (v. 36, 43)

- Goliath tried silencing David by intimidating and mocking him and God. Similarly, the world's bully-tactics are comprised of ideologies that blaspheme God and attempt to ridicule and attack His people.

A. We must be on our guard against embracing ideologies of the world and acutely aware when the posture of our heart begins to drift towards defiance against the Lord. What area of your life/heart resists the Lordship of Christ?

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##### 2) The Weapon of Worship (v. 26, 45, 47)

[1 Sam. 1:11; Ps. 79:9; Ezek. 36:22, 23, 32; Ex. 14:14]

- "Lord of Hosts" (this name is first seen in 1 Samuel) is a military term used to describe God's military capacity (myriad of angels) to vanquish military foes.

- Worship is knowing who God is, His character, His attributes. Our belief and understanding of God fuels our trust in Him in all circumstances.

A. What attributes of God do you need to study more so that you can grow in your worship to combat sin? \_\_\_\_\_

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##### 3) Winning through Weakness

[1 Cor. 1:18-31]

- Christianity is about us coming to God in all of our sin, weakness, and incapacity, and Jesus bridges the chasm between us and God by His grace.



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A. God saves us and empowers us through His might in human weakness. This requires us to come to God in all humility so that we can receive His grace. Are you striving to prove yourself to be “enough” to the world? To yourself? To God? \_\_\_\_\_

B. 2 Cor. 12:9 tells us that Christ’s grace is sufficient for us because His power is made perfect in weakness. What area of your life can you rejoice and boast in your weakness so that God’s strength is amplified through you? \_\_\_\_\_

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