**Lessons From David and Goliath** *1 Samuel 17*

1. Fear Debilitates (17:11,24)
* 17:4-10 – Description of Goliath.
* 17:11 – Caused the Israelites to fear!
* 17:24 – After Goliath spoke the same words again they were afraid.
	+ The fear they had for Goliath weakened them.
	+ Remember all those before them who crossed the Jordan and conquered cities? (*cf. Joshua 1:9 “Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”)*
		- Fear can cause us to forget who we are fighting for and who is with us.
* We must not be afraid of the opponents of truth and righteousness
	+ 1 John 4:4-6 – Being surrounded by so many in the world can weigh on us in our spiritual endeavors. But we have Christ!
	+ 1 Peter 3:13-14 – Any suffering we experience for doing good will have a reward!
	+ Matthew 10:27-31 – Our value to the Lord is great. We must not fear anyone more than Him. We cannot allow fear to weaken us.
1. Is There Not a Cause? (17:26-32)
* After the reward for killing Goliath was spoken (cf. 17:25).
* David came to fight because the cause was worthy!
* There is a battle raging for your soul! A cause that is worthy of a fight! Every one of us should recognize the worthy cause and be willing to fight!
	+ Ephesians 6:10-13 – We are involved in a war. God has given us the tools needed to overcome the adversary.
	+ *“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses” (1 Timothy 6:12)* – Is this not a good reason to fight? Only the soldiers of Christ who are active are rewarded! Deserters are never rewarded, rather they are punished.
	+ Jude 3-4 – The truth is something precious in the sight of God and should be to us as well. This is something worth fighting for.
1. Faith is the Victory (17:37,47)
* 17:37 – After telling king Saul about killing the lion and bear, David expresses his faith in God that he would deliver him from Goliath in the same way.
* 17:45-47 – Standing before the giant, David still had courage because of his faith in God.
	+ Note: David didn’t have faith in himself. His faith and strength were found in God.
* With faith, we overcome!
	+ 1 John 5:4 – Our faith in God is a sure victory because of who we have faith in.
	+ Romans 8:31-39 – Nobody can take our faith away from us. Must believe it.