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Dear Friends,

1 Samuel 17

David's oldest 3 brothers were off at war as part of Israel's army. Their father Jesse sent David to take supplies to them and to their commander.

As David was going to deliver the supplies to his brothers, he probably wasn't thinking to himself: "I'm going to go slay a giant and have a famous Biblical event happen in my life today." Rather, I'm thinking he was doing what he was supposed to be doing and stumbled upon this situation. This is an epic battle story that has many applications. A couple I would like to point out:

1. It was in the middle of an ordinary day that David's life was profoundly changed. It started like any other and along the way, God met David in a profound way. That's what God does: He comes to us in the midst of an ordinary day. He empowers ordinary people because He is an extraordinary God. Feeling as though life has become "ordinary?" Cheer up! Today might be the day that God will beat a giant in your life.

2. David met opposition even before he went into battle. He was attacked by his eldest brother verbally (v.28) and Eliab tried to put David to shame. Fortunately for Israel, David shook it off, ignored him, and moved on. Friends, we will be attacked as we go about God's will. Sometimes it is by those closest to us: our family or friends. Look to David's example and keep going about what God has appointed you to do. And don't feel alone, this happened centuries later to Jesus when His brothers were trying to encourage Him to go to a Jewish religious festival where the Pharisees were looking to arrest Him and kill Him.

3. David was ready for the giant Goliath because He already knew God. He was close to God and knew God's character (v. 34-37). He knew God would deliver him and give him victory because of what God had done for him in the past. It would have been too late for David to get to know God that day as he was going into battle. The same is true for us. We can't wait until life comes crashing in or we are facing something incredibly big to sort through our relationship with God. Be ready now. Draw near to Him and He will draw near to you (James 4:8).

You might just be surprised at what can come up in the midst of a regular day!

I invite you to come worship with us this Sunday, June 20th, on Father's Day. Our Faithful Father sent His ONLY Son to rescue us from the Goliath of sin. Come out to hear how to live in victory in the power of the Holy Spirit in the message, "The Deeper Life."

Blessings to you this beautiful June day,

Pastor Andy