



SERMON NOTES

COURAGEOUS FAITH (PART I)

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I Kings 17

- **COURAGEOUS FAITH WILL BE TESTED BY THE ENEMY**
 - “The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.” – I Samuel 17:3
 - The enemy will always stand in **OPPOSITION** to your faith
 - **The Valley**; he wants to put **DISTANCE** you from your **BLESSING**
 - Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” – Psalm 23:4
 - You have to walk **THROUGH** the valley to get to your **BLESSING**
 - Courageous Faith watches what it **SEES**
 - “And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span.” – I Samuel 17:4
 - A descendent of Anak; hired mercenary
 - When the enemy will **EMPLOYS** and **ADVISORY**; we should **DEPLOY** and **ADVOCATE...the HOLY SPIRIT!**
 - Goliath was anywhere from 9ft –11ft tall
 - He was well equipped
 - “Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, “Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.” – I Samuel 17:8
 - The enemy will tests your faith with **FEAR** and **INTIMIDATION**
 - He wants to win the battle before the fight even begins!
 - “And the Philistine drew near and presented himself forty days, morning and evening.” – I Samuel 17:16
 - The enemy is **PERSISTENT** and **RELENTLESS** (Revelation 12:12)
- **COURAGEOUS FAITH WILL RESPONDS IMMEDIATELY**
 - “So David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, and took the things and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and shouting for the battle” – I Samuel 17:20
 - David was an **ANOINTED** king, but an **OBEDIENT** son
 - “So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, ‘Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!’” – I Samuel 16:12
 - God choses the **IMPROBABLE** to do the **IMPOSSIBLE**
 - “But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty” – I Corinthians 1:27

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- David was the least likely, but the most-----
- “Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, “...For who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?” – I Samuel 17:26
- We must speak words of **FAITH**; not word of **FEAR**
- “What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?” – Romans 8:31
- Courageous Faith watches what it **SAYS**
- You faith may be misunderstood by those who lack *your* faith
- “Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men... I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle.” – I Samuel 17:28
- **COURAGEOUS FAITH WILL RISE UP EXPECTANTLY**
 - “Moreover David said, “The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” – I Samuel 17:37
 - Courageous Faith remembers past **VICTORIES**
 - “For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.” – Romans 1:17
 - WE go from GLORY to GLORY; from one victory to the next
 - “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” – II Corinthians 3:18
 - Courageous Faith remembers **COVENANT**
 - “Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you...” – Deuteronomy 4:23
 - Courageous Faith watches what it **DOES**
 - “Thus says the Lord to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s” – II Chronicles 20:15
 - Courageous Faith remembers the **COMBATANTS**

DO YOU HAVE COURAGEOUS FAITH?



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