

# Special Focus- Our Champion

## 1 Samuel 17

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### I. THE COWARDLY - SAUL AND ARMIES OF ISRAEL (I Samuel 17:8-11)

After 81 confrontations with fear - Terror had become the norm.

Courage is doing the right thing / doing what God wants us to do – regardless of danger, fear, pain or consequences.

### II. THE COURAGEOUS - DAVID AND GOLIATH (I Samuel 17:26, 32-37)

What we really need is not – banish all thoughts of fear by looking to our own strength with self-confidence – but – how to do the right thing in spite of the fear.

False Courage: If I am a really good person and try really hard to obey the Lord then God would not let anything bad happen to me.

### III. THE CHAMPION - JESUS CHRIST

God has not sent an example for cowards; He sent a savior for cowards.

He didn't save us at the risk of his life – but at the cost of his life. Jesus was our representative.

Jesus did not only die for you on the cross, He died as you on the cross.

Every story has a champion. Who is the champion of your life story?

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What impacted you from the message?
2. What elements of the story of David and Goliath remind you of Jesus?
3. What does real Christ centered courage look like? How is it different from false courage?
4. What are the areas in which you need to fix your eyes on Jesus?

#### ***Today's Worship Songs:***

*House of the Lord*

*Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

*His Mercy Is More*

*Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood*

*Holy, Holy, Holy*