

Greetings in the name of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ!

Dear Church Family, today we are closing our sermon series called I'm Possible. This series has been reminding us that what looks impossible to people is possible with God. We have seen Jesus bring transformation, healing, provision, freedom, light, life, and restoration. We have seen God make a way through the Red Sea when there was no way.

Today, for the final sermon in this series, we are going to look at one of the most powerful stories in the Bible. It is the story of David and Goliath from 1 Samuel chapter 17. The title of today's message is The Battle Belongs To God. This is a very important message because every person faces some kind of battle. Some battles are outside. Some battles are inside. Some battles are seen by people. Some battles are hidden in the heart. Some people are facing family battles. Some are facing financial battles. Some are facing health battles. Some are facing immigration battles. Some are facing job battles. Some are facing children's battles. Some are facing spiritual battles. Some are facing fear, shame, discouragement, temptation, loneliness, or pressure. In 1 Samuel 17, Israel faced a giant named Goliath. He was big, strong, and loud. Every day he came out and challenged the army of Israel. The Bible says when Saul and all Israel heard his words, they were afraid. For forty days, Goliath kept speaking, and Israel kept listening. That is what fear does. Fear speaks again and again until people lose courage. Fear says, you cannot win. Fear says, this problem is too big. Fear says, this situation will never change. Fear says, you are too weak. Fear says, God has forgotten you. But into that fearful place, God brought a young man named David. David was not a soldier. He was not wearing strong armor. He did not have a sword in his hand. He only had a shepherd's staff, a sling, and five smooth stones. But David had something greater than all of that. David had faith in the living God. The army saw Goliath and trembled. David saw Goliath and trusted God. The army heard fear. David remembered faith. The army looked at the size of the giant. David looked at the greatness of God. This is the word for us today. Your giant may be big, but your God is bigger. Your battle may be strong, but your God is stronger. Your problem may speak loudly, but God has the final word. The battle does not belong to fear. The battle does not belong to the enemy. The battle belongs to God. As we close this I'm Possible series, let this truth go deep into our hearts. What people call impossible can fall before God. The giant will fall because the battle belongs to God.

1. Giants Speak Fear, But Faith Looks At God

The first thing we see is that giants speak fear, but faith looks at God. In 1 Samuel 17, Goliath came out before the army of Israel and challenged them. He was from the Philistine army. He was a warrior from his youth. He had armor, a spear, a shield, and a loud voice. He did not only come to fight with weapons. He also came to fight with words. He shouted against Israel. He challenged them. He insulted

them. He made them afraid. The Bible says when Saul and all Israel heard his words, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. This teaches us something very important. Giants do not only stand in front of us. Giants also speak to us. A giant can be any problem that looks too big for us. Fear can be a giant. Sickness can be a giant. Debt can be a giant. Family problems can be a giant. Addiction can be a giant. Shame can be a giant. Discouragement can be a giant. A closed door can be a giant. The enemy uses giants to speak fear into our hearts. Goliath spoke for forty days. In the morning and evening, he kept speaking. That means Israel heard fear again and again. The more they listened, the more they became afraid. This happens in our lives too. If we keep listening to fear, fear will grow. If we keep listening to doubt, doubt will grow. If we keep listening to negative voices, courage will become weak. Sometimes the problem itself is not the only issue. The voice of the problem becomes the issue. The giant says, you cannot do it. The giant says, you are too small. The giant says, your prayer will not work. The giant says, your family will not change. The giant says, your future is finished. But faith must answer fear. David came to the camp and heard Goliath speaking. But David did not respond like everyone else. He asked, who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? David saw the same giant, but he saw him differently. The army saw a giant against men. David saw a man standing against the living God. That is the difference between fear and faith. Fear looks at the giant and forgets God. Faith looks at God and faces the giant. Faith does not deny the giant. David did not pretend Goliath was small. He knew Goliath was real. But David also knew God was greater. Dear Church, we must not allow the voice of our giant to become louder than the voice of our God. When fear speaks, remember who God is. When pressure speaks, remember God's promise. When the problem looks big, remember God is bigger. The people of Israel had an army, a king, and weapons, but they lost courage because they were looking at Goliath. David had no armor, no sword, and no military position, but he had courage because he was looking at God. This is the first lesson. Your strength is not only in what you have in your hand. Your strength is in who you trust in your heart. If you trust yourself, the giant will look too big. If you trust God, the giant must become small before Him. Main truth: Giants speak fear, but faith looks at God.

2. Remember What God Has Already Done

The second thing we see is that faith remembers what God has already done. When David said he would fight Goliath, Saul looked at David and said, you are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are a youth, and he is a man of war from his youth. Saul looked at David's age, size, and experience.

Saul saw why David could not win. But David remembered what God had already done. David said that when he was keeping his father's sheep, a lion and a bear came and took a lamb from the flock. David went after them, struck them, and delivered the lamb. Then 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. This is very powerful. David did not build his faith on imagination. He built his faith on God's past faithfulness. He remembered the lion. He remembered the bear. He remembered how God helped him when nobody was watching. He remembered private victories. Before David fought Goliath in public, God had trained him in private. Before David stood in the valley, he had already trusted God in the field. Dear Church, do not forget what God has already done in your life. The same God who helped you before can help you again. The same God who carried you through yesterday can carry you through today. The same God who answered one prayer can answer another prayer. The same God who gave strength in the past can give strength now. Sometimes when we face a new giant, we forget old victories. We forget how God brought us out. We forget how God provided. We forget how God healed. We forget how God opened doors. We forget how God protected our family. We forget how God gave peace in hard times. That is why we must remember. Remembering God's faithfulness gives strength to present faith. David did not say, I am strong enough. David said, the Lord delivered me. David's confidence was not in himself. His confidence was in the Lord who had already helped him. There is a big difference. Pride says, I can do it. Faith says, God will help me. Pride points to self. Faith points to God. David was not showing off. David was testifying. He was saying, I have seen the hand of God before, and I believe I will see it again. Maybe today you are facing a new battle. Maybe this battle looks bigger than before. Maybe this giant is louder than before. But look back and remember. Did God not help you before? Did God not bring you this far? Did God not give grace when you were weak? Did God not answer prayers you thought were impossible? Did God not give strength when you wanted to give up? If He helped before, He can help again. The lion and the bear were preparation for Goliath. Sometimes the small battles of yesterday prepare us for the big battles of today. We may not understand it at that time, but God is training our faith. He is teaching us to trust Him. He is showing us that He is faithful. So do not despise small battles. Do not despise hidden seasons. Do not despise private struggles. God can use them to prepare you for greater victory. Main truth: Yesterday's victory can strengthen today's faith.

3. Use What God Has Placed In Your Hand

The third thing we see is that we must use what God has placed in our hand. After

Saul agreed to let David go, he gave David his armor. Saul put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with armor. David tried to walk, but he could not. He said, I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them. So David took them off. Then he took his staff, chose five smooth stones from the brook, put them in his shepherd's bag, took his sling in his hand, and went toward the Philistine. This is a very important part of the story. Saul's armor may have looked strong, but it did not fit David. David did not fight the battle by copying Saul. David fought with what God had already trained him to use. A sling looked small compared to Goliath's sword. A stone looked weak compared to Goliath's spear. But when God is with you, what looks small can become powerful. Dear Church, do not think you need to become someone else for God to use you. Do not think you need someone else's gift, someone else's voice, someone else's style, someone else's position, or someone else's armor. God knows how He made you. God knows what He placed in your hand. Moses had a staff. David had a sling. The boy had five loaves and two fish. The widow had a little oil. God can use small things when they are surrendered to Him. Many people delay obedience because they feel they do not have enough. They say, I do not have much talent. I do not have much experience. I do not have much money. I do not know enough. I am not like others. But the question is not, what do you not have? The question is, what has God placed in your hand? David had a sling and stones. That was enough when God was with him. God does not need us to be someone else. He wants us to be faithful with what He gave us. Saul's armor represents human pressure. Sometimes people want to put their armor on us. They say, do it this way. Be like this person. Use this method. Look like this. Speak like this. But David knew he could not fight in armor that had not been tested in his life. There are some things that may work for others, but they are not what God gave you. We must respect others, learn from others, and receive wisdom, but we must not lose what God placed in us. David's sling had history. It was connected to his shepherd life. It was connected to the place where God trained him. The very thing people may have ignored became the thing God used for victory. Dear Church, do not look down on what God has placed in your hand. Your prayer matters. Your testimony matters. Your serving matters. Your small gift matters. Your simple faith matters. Your family altar matters. Your obedience matters. Your small step matters. In God's hand, small things can defeat big giants. Main truth: Do not copy others; trust what God has placed in your hand.

4. The Battle Belongs To God

The fourth thing we see is the heart of the message: the battle belongs to God. When David came near Goliath, Goliath looked at him and despised him. He said, am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks? Goliath cursed David by his gods.

Goliath said he would destroy David. But David answered with faith. David said, you come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Then David said that all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear, for the battle is the Lord's. This is the main verse of the sermon. The battle is the Lord's. David did not say, the battle belongs to my sling. He did not say, the battle belongs to my stone. He did not say, the battle belongs to my courage. He did not say, the battle belongs to my skill. He said, the battle is the Lord's. That means the victory would come from God. David still had to walk. David still had to run. David still had to use the sling. David still had to throw the stone. But his trust was in God. Faith does not mean we do nothing. Faith means we obey God while trusting Him for the result. David ran toward the battle. He did not run away from the giant. The Bible says David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. That is strong faith. Fear runs away. Faith moves forward. Fear hides. Faith stands. Fear says, what if I fall? Faith says, God is with me. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine in his forehead. Goliath fell on his face to the ground. The giant who made Israel afraid for forty days fell in one moment before the power of God. This is the power of the Lord. A whole army was afraid, but one young man trusted God. A giant had a sword, spear, and shield, but David had the name of the Lord. The battle belongs to God. Dear Church, as we close this I'm Possible series, this is the final word for us. Whatever giant is standing before you, do not face it in your own strength. Face it in the name of the Lord. Your giant may be fear. Your giant may be sickness. Your giant may be family pressure. Your giant may be a financial problem. Your giant may be discouragement. Your giant may be a long waiting season. Your giant may be a spiritual battle. Your giant may be something nobody knows. But the battle belongs to God. This does not mean there will be no battle. David still had to stand in the valley. Israel still had to watch. Goliath still came forward. But God gave victory. Sometimes we want God to remove every battle, but God may give victory in the battle. Sometimes we want God to remove every giant before we step forward, but God may say, step forward in faith, and you will see My power. The giant fell because God was with David. And when the giant fell, the whole army of Israel received courage. One person's faith can encourage many people. One person's obedience can affect a family. One person's courage can strengthen a church. One person's testimony can bless many. David's victory was not only for David. It encouraged all Israel. In the same way, your faithfulness can encourage others. Your victory can become someone else's hope. Your testimony can become someone else's strength. Main truth: When the battle belongs to God, the giant cannot stand.

Conclusion

Dear Church, today we have seen a young shepherd standing before a giant. Humanly speaking, it looked impossible. Goliath was bigger. Goliath was stronger. Goliath had more experience. Goliath had weapons. David had a sling and stones. But David had faith in the living God. That made the difference. The army saw Goliath and became afraid. David saw God and moved forward. The army listened to fear. David remembered the Lord. The army waited in fear. David ran in faith. And the giant fell. As we close this series, let us remember all that God has been teaching us. What looks impossible to people is possible with God. Water can become wine. The sick can be healed. Little can become more. Fear can become faith. Dead things can live. Empty nets can be filled. Blind eyes can open. Chains can be broken. The sea can divide. And giants can fall. The same God is with us today. So do not let the voice of your giant control your heart. Do not let fear decide your future. Do not let the problem look bigger than God. Remember what God has already done. Use what God has placed in your hand. Stand in faith. Move forward in obedience. The battle belongs to God. Maybe today you are facing a giant. Bring that giant before the Lord. Maybe you are tired of hearing fear speak every day. Listen to the voice of God. Maybe you feel small like David. That is okay. You do not need to be big when your God is great. Maybe others do not understand your faith. That is okay. David's own brothers did not fully understand him, but God was with him. Your giant may be tall, loud, and strong, but your God is greater. The final message of this series is simple: what people call impossible can fall before God. The battle belongs to God, and the giant will fall.

