

Sunday – October 27, 2024



“The Friend We All Need”
1 Samuel 18:1-5

“Taunting”, “Bullying,” it is what we say or do that causes someone else to feel inferior to me. Anyone may face it in their life because of who they are. Anyone can face it because of what they believe. Sometimes the taunt can challenge our very faith, “Where is your God now?” when in fact we may be struggling with the same question. God wants to use those moments to shape us to be more like Jesus.

KEY VERSE: *“All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands” (1 Samuel 17:47).*

What types of obstacles in your faith have you faced? How have you typically addressed them when they occur?

Read *1 Samuel 17*

This story of David and Goliath is so well known it has become embedded into our modern culture. As you read through this encounter, what points stand out to you?

List the major characters in *1 Samuel 17*. Write down how each responded to this moment? What strikes you about each of their responses?

King Saul was the king and leader people were to put their trust in, and yet he reneges on his responsibilities. Can you think of a time when God placed something in front of you and you passed it along to someone else? Why do you think Saul responded as he did and how does that compare to your response?

Read *1 Samuel 17:34-37*. What were the resources David had at his disposal? What was his greatest resource?

Why did David turn down Saul’s offer? Why was it not appropriate for David? Can you name a time when you were tempted in trusting someone else’s gifts rather than the ones God has given to you?

Read *2 Corinthians 10:3-5*. Paul outlines the true weapons we have to fight God’s battles. When am I tempted to use God’s resources last and my abilities first?

Facing an _____ enemy David stood with an _____ faith and an _____ God.

THIS WEEK:

- Is there a situation this week God is asking me to step into using his gifts?
- How could God use that moment to shape me to be a disciple maker?

Next Week: “Jere Vincent, Family Builders Ministry - Grandparents Seminar Speaker”