

Fearless Week 1: (David and Goliath)
Notes and Discussion Questions From Pastor Tom's Sermon

Pastor Tom brought a powerful message on Fearless Leaders Face and Defeat Giants. These are days like no one has ever seen in our lifetime. As of Wednesday, there were over 200,000 cases of COVID19 in the world. Over 8000 have died world wide. The very first case of Coronavirus in the United States was identified in Washington State on January 21. By March 17, 2 months later, the virus has spread to all 50 states and the District of Columbia. In the U.S. Over 6300 cases and over 100 deaths and each growing daily. These are indeed strange and different days. This number has grown drastically more even since Wednesday. So what do we do? What did David Do?

1. Fearless Leaders Will Do the Hard Thing v 32, v 4-7

32 David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." 1 Samuel 17:32

4 A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall.

5 He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels;

6 on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back.

*7 His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him. **1 Samuel 17:4-7***

David was a fearless leader and stepped up to do the hard thing during this time. When no one else was willing to fight the giant David was. When no one else wanted to stand up David was willing. When everyone else was too scared David was Fearless as he stood for his God.

2. Fearless Leaders Know their Source of Strength v 45

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and 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 taunted.

1 Sam 17:45 (NASB)

David trusted God more than his own limited abilities. David relied upon, depended upon, was confident in strength from Almighty God. We don't trust in what we can do! We trust in what God can do! It was God who made David Fearless! We have the same God as David, we can be Fearless too!

3. Fearless Leaders Can See the Big Picture V.44-47

44 "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"

45 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

46 This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

47 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."

David knew that the entire Israelite army would be emboldened and empowered when God enabled him to kill Goliath. David knows that one Fearless act can change everything. David's one fearless act against Goliath kept the entire Israelite nation, God's chosen people, from becoming slaves to the pagan Philistine nation. Right now we must realize that what we do will have a profound impact on many lives.

Discussion Questions

1. How Big does this Giant called COVID-19 feel that we are facing?
2. Are others panicking, and in fear because of it?
3. How did David respond to the giant he was facing?
4. How should we respond to the giant we are facing?
5. What does it look like for Fearless Leaders to do the hard thing?
6. How hard do you think it was for David to step out and fight Goliath?
7. Where did David find his source of strength?
8. What made David ultimately fearless?
9. How can we be fearless in the midst of what we are going through?
10. How was did David see the big picture and how can we see the big picture of what we are going through? What does that look like for you today?