



path to purpose

Sermon series

Sundays 8:45 & 10:30

Because





1 Samuel 17:1-3 ¹ Now the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle, and were gathered together at Sochoh, which belongs to Judah; they encamped between Sochoh and Azekah, in Ephes Dammim. ² And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and they encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array against the Philistines. ³ The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a **valley** between them.

1 Samuel 17:26 “Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?”



#1 For Every Valley There is a Cause

1 Samuel 17:29 And David said, “What have I done now? **Is there not a cause?**”



Because

Jeremiah 1:5 (NKJV) “Before **I formed you** in the womb **I knew you**; Before you were born **I sanctified you**; **I ordained you** a prophet to the nations.”

2 Timothy 1:9 (God) has **saved us** and **called us** with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to *(because of)* **His own purpose** and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.



#2 For Every Cause There's a Champion

1 Samuel 17:32-33 ³² Then David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” ³³ And Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.”



1 Samuel 17:36-37 ³⁶ “Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ 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.”



Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) For **we** are God's **masterpiece**. He has **created us anew** in Christ Jesus, so we can do the **good things He planned** for us long ago.

"I can do all things **through Christ** who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

"**He Who is in me is greater** than he who is in the world." 1
John 4:4



#3 For Every Champion There's a Giant

1 Samuel 17:4-7 ⁴ And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶ And he had bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. ⁷ Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him.



Fear is Faith in Reverse

1 Samuel 17:11 When Saul and all Israel **heard** these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and **greatly afraid**.

1 Samuel 17:24 And all the men of Israel, when they **saw** the man, fled from him and were **dreadfully afraid**.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil** walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he **may** devour.



Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For **You are with me;**

Psalm 18:2-3, 19 ² **The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength,** in whom I will trust; **My shield** and the horn of **my salvation, my stronghold.** ³ I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. ¹⁹ He delivered me **because He delighted in me.**



#4 For Every Giant There's a Stone

1 Samuel 17:3 The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a **valley** between them.

1 Samuel 17:40 (David) chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.



1 Samuel 17:48-51 ⁴⁸ When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hastened and **ran toward** the army to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David.



Mark 9:23 Jesus said, “If you can believe, **all things are possible** to him who believes.”