

# Dreaming Big

## 1 Samuel 17:31-37

*"Then David said, 'The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.'"* - **1 Samuel 17:37**

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**Main Point: When we trust in the greatness of our God we can do BIG things.**

**Introduction:** Use the following questions to introduce the topic of discussion -

*Looking back over your life, what's the biggest challenge you've had to face? What would you change about how you handled that situation?*

*Who in our society today do we consider to be courageous?*

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David on his own he seemed rather small. He was a shepherd boy who happened upon a giant who was ready to fight him. David wasn't all that impressive. He didn't have any military experience. He wasn't known as a great warrior. But there was one thing he had on his side that no one else had: he believed God for big things. You may be facing some giants in your own life like doubt and uncertainty and they have left you greatly afraid. On your own you know you can't conquer your giants. But with God, all things are possible.

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**When we trust God for BIG things He provides :**

1) **CONFIDENCE. Read 1 Samuel 17:31-33.**

David didn't allow the size of his opponent (v.4-7) to keep him from taking on the challenge. Why do you think David was able to have this kind of confidence?

Read 1 Samuel 17:8-10; 16. How does David's attitude (vv.32-33) compare with Goliath's? How does his attitude compare with Saul's or even his brother Eliab (v. 28)?

How is your attitude toward the challenges in life stealing your confidence? How could verses like Philippians 4:13 and Romans 8:31 give us direction in daily building confidence in 2018?

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2) **EXPERIENCE. Read 1 Samuel 17:34-36.**

What are some experiences David remember in his testimony (v.37)?

What did he learn through his experiences as a shepherd? How did this enable him to truly rely on God? What experiences in our church has God worked thru to be a blessing to others? How does our experience prepare your group, and our church, for doing greater things?

Give an example of a challenging experience when you relied on God to get through. What has God taught you about His power through the challenges you've faced?

Knowing God may use challenges to equip us for other challenges, how will your attitude toward God change when you feel like you're being tested? How does 2 Corinthians 12:9 help us in this?

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### 3) **DELIVERANCE. Read 1 Samuel 17:37.**

When he walked out in front of Goliath, David never wavered in his faith. He fully believed his spiritual weapons were greater than the physical ones of his enemies. How would having that kind of faith change your approach to life?

Read in v.45-47. Why didn't David feel small in front of such a massive opponent?

Whose battle did David see this as? What battles do you need God to deliver you from? What battles might we face as a church this year while attempting to do big things? How can we pray now for deliverance?

#### **Apply It:**

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Read in v.45-47. Whose battle did David see this as? What battles do you need to turn over to God and allow Him to fight? Give an example of how you have seen God move in/through our church. How can we draw on that for confidence over next 100 days as we seek to accomplish something BIG?

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#### **Pray:**

Lord we pray for the confidence of David as we move into the New Year. Strengthen us to do your work in this community that lives would be changed. Remind us of our past experiences and how you were always with us. Deliver our church from the battle as we bring glory to your name.

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#### **Coming up at VillageChurch:**

**Jan. 14th** - VGroups Fair!

**Jan. 21st** - Discovery Class

**Feb. 4th** - Super BIG Sunday

**March 18th** - The BIG Serve

**April 22nd** - BIG Tent Revival