

# Session #8 Things that keep you sidelined

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### **Breaking the Ice:**

Did you grow up hearing the story of David and Goliath? What do you remember about your childhood perspective of this account? Please share.

Watch opening video presentation

# **Exploration:**

Read: 1 Samuel 17:1-11

What did the "conventional wisdom" say about the battlefield situation? How does fear spread from person to person? Can you find any evidence of King Saul's leadership?

Read: 1 Samuel 17:22-29

David's motives in coming to the battlefield were questioned by his own brother. Why do you think Eliab was so condescending to David?

Why do you think David did not allow this to stop him?

How does his view of God and the cause at hand help him? How can it help you?

Read: 1 Samuel 17:30-36

In this section David has his ability questioned- how does his response give perspective to the current situation?

Do we remember or sometimes forget the victories of the past? How can remembering them help us have courage in the present?

Read: 1 Samuel 17:37

As David finishes his appeal to King Saul, he now has to commit to fighting Goliath. How would this challenge his faith?

Can you recall any "Goliath like" moments in your life? How did faith factor into those events?

We have looked at David's challenge, his motives and ability, but what was really the source of his courage?

## **Bringing it Home**

What is our cause that is worth fighting for? Take time to reflect and recommit to being the servant of God He has called you to be.

#### **Bottom Line**

A man of God on a mission for God trusting in God will be victorious in life's battles.