

MARCH 3, 2019
THE FULLNESS OF LIFE
I SAMUEL 17:20-37

I. LIVE LIFE ***COURAGEOUSLY***. v. 20-26

- A. *Following* in obedience v. 20. Here David simply follows the directions of his father. Dad wants to know how his others sons are doing on the battle front. This has been David's life. As we will see later, David was obedient to point of doing battle with wild animals.
- B. *Facing* the enemy v. 21-23. David made it to the battle lines and as he was meeting his brothers, he also faced the enemy, the giant Goliath. David saw his people and the enemy facing off but it was the enemy that was showing courage. Israel only saw the giant and he was too big to face.
- C. *Fear* runs v. 24. The Israelites ran from what they saw. But this is what fear does, it runs from the battle. But this is not the plan of God, He has not given us this fear. He wants us to have the faith to confront. There are times we just don't think we can do it.
- D. *Forcing* the issue v. 25-26. The king, the nation is looking for a hero. The king is even offering great wealth for this hero and his family. But there are no takers, no one with enough courage.

II. LIVE LIFE ***CONFIDENTLY***. v. 27-31

- A. Live even when not *understood* v. 28. It had been a rough couple of months for Eliab. He was the oldest son of Jesse. It was his responsibility to carry out his father's birthright. But when Samuel came to his father's house to anoint a king of Israel he was passed over for the youngest son, David. Now David was here on the battle field talking big and Eliab seems to have had enough.
- B. Live confidently even when *unheard* v. 29. One way that we can know if God is in something is that it is too big for us. David got it! David had lived his life dealing with things too big for him.
- C. Live confidently even in the *unknown* v. 30-31. Do you remember in school the feeling of being called to the principal's office? Now multiply by any number you choose how David must have felt being summoned by the king.

III. LIVE LIFE WITH ***COMMITMENT***. v. 32-37

- A. *Commitment* to the fight v. 32. David, I'm sure, freaked out Saul. This teen boy is volunteering to do what no seasoned soldier would do-fight Goliath.
- B. In spite of the *circumstances* v. 33. Saul laid out the truth for David, he didn't hold anything back. David answered with faith which equates to commitment.
- C. A *campaign* of experience v. 34-36a. Here David recounts what has happened in his life, better yet, what God has done in his life. David was obedient to his earthly life and his heavenly Father.
- D. The *candidate* for disaster v. 36b. David understood the true problem, the enemy had defied God and God wouldn't stand for it. God had set Israel up to show His glory. God places His people in strategic places in order to make a difference.
- E. God the *champion* v. 37. Notice here that David exhibits great faith, not in himself but in God. In so, David reveals his true self. Hear me, our character is revealed in crisis.