

Conquering Life's "Giants"! ...1Samuel 17

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." ...1Corinthians 16:13-14 (ESV)

Words of Wisdom

- •"If serving is beneath you, then leadership is beyond you" ~ Pastor Joby Martin
- •"I know we believe IN God...But we need to BELIEVE God!"
- "Conflicts bring experience and experience brings that growth in Grace which is not to be attained by any other means!" ~ Charles Spurgeon

1. Man of Faith = Man of Courage!

- God's Wilderness Training ... Faith vs. Fear
 - 1Samuel 16:11-13, 18-23, 1Samuel 17:12-37, Proverbs 3:5-8
 - Solitude

• Monotony

Obscurity

• Reality

- Faith Leads to Courage...
 - 1Samuel 17:40-44, 2Timothy 1:7, Joshua 1:5-9
- Believing IN God vs. Believing God! (Quote)
 - 1Samuel 17:26, 45-47, 1John 4:4

2. Facing Your Giants...

1Samuel 17:45-47, James 1:22-25, Romans 8:31-32, 8:37-39, Zechariah 4:6, 2Corinthians 10:3-5

1. Think about and discuss how God prepared David, a young-man at the time, to courageously step toward the strong opposition that he was facing...completely trusting God for the results? ...be descriptive.

2. Is there anything in your life that is intimidating you...that you are putting your faith in the circumstances or your ability to deal with it, rather than putting your faith completely in God and trusting Him through it? ...be specific!

- 3. How would you describe the man that you would love to be? ...be transparent, honest, and specific!
- What is in the way of becoming that man?
- **4.** What did you hear or learn from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

rayer

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the 5 **Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life? Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (Relationship)
- God's Word (Knowledge and Understanding)
- Worship (Adoration)
- Fellowship (Encouragement and Accountability)
- Service (Caring for Others, Action to your Belief)