

THE MAKING OF A KING

Part 2: **Face** Your Fears, **Chase** Your Fears – 1 Samuel 17

The PHILISTINES pick another fight	vs. 1-11
SOCOH belonged to Judah	vs. 1-3
A Mighty CHAMPION taunts Israel	vs. 4-11
David ENCOUNTERS Goliath	vs. 12-39
JESSE sends David to the battle	vs. 17
David RESPONDS to Goliath's threats	vs. 23-26
David offers to FIGHT Goliath	vs. 31-37
David RUSHES toward Goliath	vs. 40-51
Goliath CURSES David	vs. 42-44
David PROCLAIMS God's victory	vs. 45-47
David swiftly DESTROYS Goliath	vs. 48-51

Takeaways:

- **Face** Your Fears, **Chase** Your Fears away

Let's increase our **SPIRITUAL** clarity of God's **ENORMITY**

Isaiah 40:12

- David was God's **REPRESENTATIVE** then,
we are His **REPRESENTATIVES** now

What do people see more of in me: **FEAR** or **CONFIDENCE**?

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Life Application Questions – October 4, 2026

1 Samuel 17:45 *Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted."*

DISCOVER

1. When is fear good? Would your response be better classified as being cautious? Explain. What is the opposite of fear? How would you define faith? Read Hebrews 11:1 and compare your response to the scriptural definition of faith.
2. Are fear and worry really the same thing? Bravado may keep us from saying we are fearful. What are some other words that express the same impact as the word "fear"?
3. If you find yourself awake at night in fear of what may happen the next day, what brings you peace? Be specific by citing scripture references or approaches to focusing on God.
4. Read Psalm 77:13 and Deuteronomy 4:39. How do these verses help you reframe the fear and insecurity you battle in your life? What power do they give you?
5. Who should we fear, and why? Read Psalm 111:10 and Proverbs 9:10.

EXPLORE (Refer to 1 Samuel 17 for the following questions)

1. Re-read 1 Samuel 17:28-30. Sometimes we have a tendency to see "closed doors" as a sign from God. Why did David not withdraw his determination to face Goliath after multiple signs of discouragement? What can we learn from David's determination? Do you see areas in your life and relationships where determination would be an act of obedience to God?
2. In what ways does this chapter contrast Saul's leadership with David's emerging character? For how many days did Goliath issue his challenge, and what effect did this have on Saul and the Israelite army?
3. What was Goliath trusting in? Where might you be tempted to put confidence in external strength, status, or human resources rather than in the Lord?
4. In David's response to Goliath (verses 45–47), what key truths does he declare about God and the nature of the battle? David ran quickly to face Goliath. What is the significance of running toward the battle?

EXPERIENCE

1. What are some reasons that people live in fear? In what ways can fear be a sinful trap?
2. David's confidence came from remembering God's past deliverance (lion and bear). Describe evidence you see or have seen that God is greater than any problem you will face.
3. What is the significance of this statement by David, "that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel"? Do you see David's statement about God as applicable to God enabling you to have victory? Have you practiced the habit of giving glory to God after overcoming an obstacle? Is it possible to bring glory to God if you don't share the good news? Explain.

PRAY

Abba Father, we are such an odd combination of being pompous and yet fearful. May we never fall on our knees before anyone or anything except You, the Almighty God of the universe. Any strength we have comes from You and we need no other. We praise You for Your enduring patience. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.