

Speaker: Assistant Pastor David Seah

Title : A Triumph Against All Odds

Text : 1 Samuel 17

Today's Goliath doesn't carry a sword or shield. He doesn't parade down the hills of Elah. He prances through our office, our home, our classrooms and wherever we are.

Our Goliath is a giant who stands in the way God wants us to go. He is an obstruction that seeks to:

- hinder us from experience God's power .
- prevent us from receiving God's blessings.
- stop us from being transformed for the better.

5 reminders in confronting our giants:

Firstly, one giant is enough to stop us as long as we look at life from the human level.

Otherwise, we stay defeated. We give excuses. We wear mask. We avoid loved ones. We keep a distance from the community of faith. We procrastinate. We evade important issues of life.

Secondly, we have a choice on Who we focus on.

Vs **26** – Notice David's response - "The armies of the living God" and not "the armies of Saul". It is not about "David versus Goliath", but about "God focus versus Giant focus". David saw that Goliath was not defying Israel, he was actually defying Israel's God.

However, we can have the tendency to focus on ourselves. But we won't be able to fulfill God's purpose by looking within ourselves. It is only in focusing on God that we discover our origin, realize our identity, and grasp our significance and reach our God-given destiny.

Thirdly, understand the battle is the Lord's.

David saw every obstacle as opportunities to experience God's power & reality. David saw beyond the ragtag army of Hebrew farmers. He saw the Lord of Hosts commanding divine Allies, platoons of angels and heavenly infantries.

God knows our capacity to handle testings. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Fourthly, faith accompanied with action produces results.

The difference between David and the other soldiers was what they did with their faith and their doubts. David responded to his doubts by acting on his belief and while the Israelites acted on their doubts by ignoring their belief.

Faith is not waiting until all doubts are gone. Faith is seeing the giant & understanding the odds, and taking the first step and crossing the line.

You can triumph against all odds!

Finally, an individual victory has corporate effect.

An individual victory is always a Kingdom victory. Our triumph encourages and gives courage to others to follow suit.

Conclusion

Jesus, Son of David, faced his Goliath too 2,000 years ago. He confronted the ugliest of beast and the deadliest of foes – sin & death.

2 Tim 1:10, 1 Cor 15:55-57, Col 2: 14 – 16, John 16:33, Gal 2:20, Hebrews 12:2

The Holy Spirit is in us to help us live supernaturally.