

Communion Meditation

1 Samuel 17.32-51

"Fighting Evil"

June 20th, 2021

David Demonstrated Confidence . . .

- "in God" v36 ~ "he has defied the armies of the living God."
 - v47 ~ "the battle is the Lord's"
- "in himself" v36 ~ "Your servant has killed both lion and bear"

David Demonstrated Resolve . . .

- "in response to unbelief"
 - v33 ~ "You are not able to go against." (*Saul sees only Goliath*)
- "in response to ridicule"
 - v28 ~ Eliab said "Why did you come down here? I know your pride..."
 - v42 ~ Goliath "disdained him, for he was only a youth..."

David Demonstrated Courage . . .

- "in removing armor" v39 ~ "I have not tested them"
- "in taking up sling and stones" v40 ~ "Then he took .. in his hand"
- "in running to Goliath" v48 ~ "David hurried and ran toward the army"
- "in capitalizing on victory" v51 ~ "David ran and stood over the Philistine"
 - Sometimes people lose heart after a great victory (*Elijah ~ Mt Carmel*)

"What do we learn from David's example?"

- "Our confidence must be placed in God"
 - Then, God grants us confidence in our plans
- "We must be resolved to fight evil"
 - In ourselves and in our culture
 - We will be opposed by friends and enemies alike
- "We must be decisive and act courageously"
 - Courage is rooted in our walk with God / We'll lack it otherwise
 - We must "embrace the battle" / Last message from February series
 - We must expect to win / to persist through losses

Today is a new day – a new week – a new outlook on life

Turn from sin and walk with God

to develop confidence, grow in resolve, and act with courage