



**Series** How Can You Be Sure?

**Passage** 1 Samuel 17

**Title** The Power of Praying God's Will - Part 3

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**Discussion Starter** – How does the story of David and Goliath exemplify the power of praying in God's will? What is the core attribute that David possessed that enabled him to pray in the will of God?

### **The Tactics of the Enemy** (1 Samuel 17:1-11)

- Spiritually, the Philistines represent our flesh, and they had crept into and had taken hold of the land of Judah, which God had given to Israel. How do you see the enemy trying to invade your Judah today?
- What are the things God has given to better prepare us as the enemy tries to invade the territories God has entrusted to us?
- Pastor David mentioned three current cultural giants that we face today in our nation : Emasculation of Men, Deconstruction of Marriage and Sexual Immorality. What are some of the other giants you feel we as a nation face today that were not mentioned?
- What are some of the things Goliath says to the camp of Israel with the intent of breaking their spirit and making them feel hopeless? What are some of the deceptive things the cultural giants of today are saying with the intent of breaking our spirit and making us feel hopeless?
- The enemy's plan is always to isolate us from each other. What is God's plan to keep His people from being isolated and how is this manifested in His Church today?

### **Properly Dressed for Battle** (1 Samuel 17:12-37)

- The Israelites were fully dressed for battle, but nobody had engaged in the fighting. Compare and contrast the elements of Saul's battle plan to defeat Goliath to David's embracing God's preordained destiny for this moment of his life. Read Ephesians 2:10. Discuss what we have learned from David's life in 1 Samuel 17, and what God's word says about His plans for our lives in Ephesians 2:10.
- What are some of the things we see that happen to David as he steps out and prays in the will of God? How does David respond?
- Describe how David was able to pray God's will by seeing his own reality from God's perspective. How can you apply this practice to your own prayer life?