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What are you afraid of when you walk with God?

1 Samuel 17

In 1 Samuel 17, the armies of Israel and the Philistines fought a decisive battle at the Valley of Eliah. The Philistines sent the giant Goliath to challenge the Israelites on their behalf, asking the Israelites to send a warrior to fight him alone. Goliath was a very strong warrior, about 9 feet (about 2.7 meters) tall, and was known for his strength and courage.

Israelis are scared and don't know how to deal with this challenge. But the young man came to the aid of David, the son of Jesse and a shepherd. David told Saul that he was willing to fight on behalf of the Israelites and Goliath.

David knocked Goliath down with a slingshot and stones, and then killed him with Goliath's own sword. This victory inspired the Israelites, who eventually defeated the Philistine army.

This chapter emphasizes God's power and faithfulness and the fact that God can bestow victory in situations that seem impossible to man. It also demonstrates David's courage and loyalty, even though he was a young shepherd, willing to fight for the victory of God and the Israelites. This story is significant throughout the Bible because it foreshadows the coming of Jesus Christ as the Deliverer and Victor. When we walk with God, our hearts can be truly at peace and quiet. In this troubled and chaotic world, walking with God becomes a beacon for our souls, guiding us to light, tranquility, and hope.

Walking with God means that we are no longer afraid of life's challenges and difficulties. God's love and strength surround us like a pair of fatherly hands, giving us comfort and firmness in the face of adversity.

In our journey with God, we learn to rely on His wisdom and guidance. When the heart is troubled, prayer becomes a way for us to speak to God, to fill our hearts with His peace, and to soothe those uneasy emotions.

To walk with God is to feel His presence every step of the way. When we feel lonely, lost, or worried, the Spirit of God is with us and opens a way forward for us. His love nourishes our hearts like a stream, allowing us to find spiritual fulfillment in the desert.

Walking with God is also a search for the rest of the soul. In His love, we find true peace, transcending the distractions and distractions of the world. God's love is a haven for our hearts and keeps us safe in the midst of storms.

There are many passages in the Bible that emphasize the faith of walking with God and encourage us not to be afraid. Here are some Bible passages related to this topic:

Isaiah 41:10:

Do not be afraid, for I am with you, and do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, and I will sustain you with my righteous right hand.

Psalms 23:4:

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for thou art with me, and thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Joshua 1:9:

Be strong and courageous, and do not be afraid, nor be afraid. For wherever you go, the LORD your God will be with you.

Isaiah 43:1-2:

But now the LORD has made thee, Jacob, and thy Israel, and do not be afraid, for I have redeemed thee, and I have called thee by thy name, and you are mine. I will be with you when you pass through the waters, and the waters will not overflow you when you cross rivers, and I will not be burned when you walk through the fire, and the flame will not fall on you.

Matthew 28:20:

I have commanded you to obey all that I have commanded you. Behold, I am with you unto the end of the age.

These verses encourage us to trust in God's presence, let go of fear, and be firm in our faith because God walks with us and cares for us.

Let's pray together:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for walking through our lives. In this troubled world, may Your peace fill our hearts and give us peace as we walk with You. Ask You to give us wisdom and guidance so that we can rely on Your strength to face life's challenges bravely. May Your love be as deep as a tide so that we may find true comfort in Your presence. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

## 1 Samuel

### CHAPTER 17

1Sa. 17:1 Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Socoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Socoh and Azekah.

1Sa. 17:2 Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines.

1Sa. 17:3 The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.

1Sa. 17:4 A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of

the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet [Hebrew was six cubits and a span (about 3 metres)] tall.

1Sa. 17:5 He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armour of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; [That is, about 125 pounds (about 57 kilograms)]

1Sa. 17:6 on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back.

1Sa. 17:7 His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. [That is, about 15 pounds (about 7 kilograms)] His shield-bearer went ahead of him.

1Sa. 17:8 Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me.

1Sa. 17:9 If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us."

1Sa. 17:10 Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other."

1Sa. 17:11 On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

1Sa. 17:12 Now David was the son of an Ephrathite named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem in Judah. Jesse had eight sons, and in Saul's time he was old and well advanced in years.

1Sa. 17:13 Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war: The firstborn was Eliab; the second, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah.

1Sa. 17:14 David was the youngest. The three oldest followed Saul,

1Sa. 17:15 but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

1Sa. 17:16 For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.

1Sa. 17:17 Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this ephah [That is, probably about 3/5 bushel (about 22 litres)] of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp.

1Sa. 17:18 Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. [Hebrew thousand] See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance [Or some token; or some pledge of spoils] from them.

1Sa. 17:19 They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines."

1Sa. 17:20 Early in the morning David left the flock with a shepherd,

loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry.

1Sa. 17:21 Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other.

1Sa. 17:22 David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and greeted his brothers.

1Sa. 17:23 As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it.

1Sa. 17:24 When the Israelites saw the man, they all ran from him in great fear.

1Sa. 17:25 Now the Israelites had been saying, “Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his father’s family from taxes in Israel.”

1Sa. 17:26 David asked the men standing near him, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?”

1Sa. 17:27 They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, “This is what will be done for the man who kills him.”

1Sa. 17:28 When Eliab, David’s oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, “Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.”

1Sa. 17:29 “Now what have I done?” said David. “Can’t I even speak?”

1Sa. 17:30 He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before.

1Sa. 17:31 What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him.

1Sa. 17:32 David said to Saul, “Let no-one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

1Sa. 17:33 Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth.”

1Sa. 17:34 But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,

1Sa. 17:35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its

mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.

1Sa. 17:36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

1Sa. 17:37 The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you.”

1Sa. 17:38 Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armour on him and a bronze helmet on his head.

1Sa. 17:39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. “I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off.

1Sa. 17:40 Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

1Sa. 17:41 Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield-bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David.

1Sa. 17:42 He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him.

1Sa. 17:43 He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

1Sa. 17:44 “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!”

1Sa. 17:45 David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

1Sa. 17:46 This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

1Sa. 17:47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

1Sa. 17:48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet him.

1Sa. 17:49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

1Sa. 17:50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

1Sa. 17:51 David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the scabbard. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.

1Sa. 17:52 Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath [Some Septuagint manuscripts; Hebrew a valley] and to the gates of Ekron. Their dead were strewn along the Shaaraim road to Gath and Ekron.

1Sa. 17:53 When the Israelites returned from chasing the Philistines, they plundered their camp.

1Sa. 17:54 David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem, and he put the Philistine's weapons in his own tent.

1Sa. 17:55 As Saul watched David going out to meet the Philistine, he said to Abner, commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is that young man?" Abner replied, "As surely as you live, O king, I don't know."

1Sa. 17:56 The king said, "Find out whose son this young man is."

1Sa. 17:57 As soon as David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with David still holding the Philistine's head.

1Sa. 17:58 "Whose son are you, young man?" Saul asked him. David said, "I am the son of your servant Jesse of Bethlehem."

Chapter 17 of the Book of 1 Samuel tells the story of David and Goliath, one of the most well-known stories in the Bible. The chapter begins with the Philistines and Israelites gathering for battle in the Valley of Elah. The Philistines had a champion warrior named Goliath, who was over nine feet tall and wore heavy armor. He challenged the Israelites to send out a champion to fight him, with the outcome determining the winner of the battle.

Saul and the Israelites were terrified of Goliath, but David, who had been sent by his father to bring food to his older brothers who were fighting in the army, heard Goliath's challenge and was outraged. He offered to fight Goliath, and after some persuasion, Saul agreed to let him.

David refused to wear Saul's armor and instead went to face Goliath with only his sling and five smooth stones. Goliath taunted David, but David replied that he came in the name of the Lord, and that the battle was not his, but the Lord's.

David quickly struck Goliath with a stone from his sling, which hit him in the forehead and knocked him down. David then took Goliath's sword and cut off his head. The Philistines were terrified and fled, and the Israelites won a great victory.

After the battle, David became a hero and was praised by the people. Saul asked his commander, Abner, who David was, and Abner brought David before Saul. David became a servant in Saul's court, and he and Saul's son, Jonathan, became close friends.

Here are some important verses from chapter 17 of 1 Samuel in the Christian Bible:

1 Samuel 17:4-7 - "A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall. He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back."

1 Samuel 17:45-47 - "David said to the Philistine, 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.'"

1 Samuel 17:50 - "So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him."

These verses describe the famous story of David and Goliath, where David, a young shepherd, defeats the giant Philistine warrior Goliath with a sling and a stone. Despite Goliath's intimidating size and armor, David puts his faith in the Lord and declares that God will give him the victory. This event highlights the power of faith in God and the importance of trusting in His strength rather than our own. It also emphasizes the idea that the battle ultimately belongs to the Lord and that He can use even the smallest and seemingly weakest among us to achieve great things.

## 1 Samuel

chapter 17 is a well-known and powerful account of David's victory over the Philistine giant, Goliath. This chapter explores themes of courage, faith, and God's faithfulness in the face of overwhelming challenges.

One of the key themes that emerges from this chapter is the theme of courage in the face of adversity. Goliath, a formidable warrior, taunts the Israelite army, and fear grips the hearts of Saul and his soldiers. However, David, a young shepherd boy, steps forward with unwavering confidence and offers to fight Goliath.

This chapter showcases the extraordinary courage of David, who places his trust in God's strength rather than relying on his own abilities. It reminds us that true courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the willingness to confront and overcome fear through faith in God. David's example encourages us to face our own giants, whether they be literal or metaphorical, with unwavering trust in God's power.

Furthermore, 1 Samuel chapter 17 emphasizes the importance of faith in God's faithfulness. David's faith in God's deliverance is evident as he boldly declares that the battle is the Lord's. He

recognizes that victory does not depend on human strength or weaponry but on God's sovereign power.

This chapter reminds us that when we place our faith in God, He can accomplish great things through us. It challenges us to trust in His faithfulness and to believe that He can overcome any obstacle or challenge we face. It encourages us to rely on God's strength rather than our own, knowing that He is able to bring victory in the most daunting circumstances.

Additionally, 1 Samuel chapter 17 highlights God's faithfulness and His ability to work through unlikely individuals. David, a young shepherd boy, is chosen by God to defeat the giant Goliath. God uses David's humility, courage, and faith to bring about a significant victory for the Israelites.

This chapter reminds us that God often chooses the weak and the unlikely to accomplish His purposes. It teaches us that our worth and potential are not determined by our outward appearance or societal expectations, but rather by our willingness to trust and obey God. It encourages us to embrace our unique identities and gifts, knowing that God can use us mightily when we submit ourselves to Him.

In conclusion, 1 Samuel chapter 17 brings forth reflections on courage, faith, and God's faithfulness. It challenges us to face our giants with unwavering trust in God's power, to believe in His faithfulness to deliver us, and to embrace our identities and gifts for His purposes. May we draw strength from David's example, placing our faith in God and allowing Him to work mightily through us.