



UNEXPECTED: Week 2

Bible: 1 Samuel 17: 2-15; 1 Samuel 9:2; 1 Samuel 17:22-51; Psalm 23

Bottom Line: God will give you the courage and strength to face your everyday battles.

Week 1 Recap: Last week, we talked about outward appearance, and we looked at how God values our inward appearance. This week, we will focus on unexpected battles.

LESSON OBJECTIVE

In life, there are going to be moments when you will face battles and struggles—whether you are standing up for someone else, or you have to deal with a difficult situation on your own.

These moments are when you rely not on your own strength, but on God's strength.

We will look at when David was dealing with a giant in an epic battle.

From an outside perspective, David didn't stand a chance.

God was there to give David the strength he needed to conquer the giant.

TEACH

Last week, we talked about growing up and facing the reality that people focus on outward appearance more than inward appearance.

It is a strange twist in life when something that wasn't so important at one time is now super important.

This week, we are going to be talking about unexpected battles we might find ourselves in.

The battles you will face include bullying, rejection, and just straight up mean people.

It might not seem like a big deal, but these issues you face could be giant problems.

This morning I want us to look at how a man named David faced a real life giant.

The conflicts at school, or whatever you come across could feel like giants.

Read 1 Samuel 17:1-11.

Can you imagine seeing this giant?

The average soldier at the time was about 5'8" and Goliath stood at about 9'6".

His sword weighed about 15 pounds and the average sword at the time was about 2.5 pounds.

This guy called out the Israelite army and said, “If you have someone that can take me down, we will serve you.”

There are times when you feel like the problem standing right in front of you is just too big.

You don’t want to deal with the situation, but there is no way around it.

You can’t face the twists and turns of life already feeling defeated.

These men saw Goliath and they felt defeated.

Goliath called for a one on one matchup that would decide the entire war.

Winner takes all.

The only problem was that the Israelites did not have a warrior to match Goliath.

King Saul of the Israelites was terrified.

I am sure the people were waiting for Saul to volunteer.

But did he?

Read [1 Samuel 17:22-37](#).

David, the sheep keeper, arrives on the scene.

It’s estimated that David was about 5’2 and a young man.

We saw how Saul responded to Goliath—he was terrified.

David was full of faith.

David knew that Goliath was big, but God was bigger.

David’s brother asked him what he was doing there.

He told him that he didn’t belong there.

It’s kind of like having an older brother or sister you want to tag along with and see what they are up to.

They look at you and say, “What are you doing here? You’re just a kid, go home.”

King Saul hears that David is there and calls for him.

David tells Saul that he can take down the giant.

It doesn't say, but I have to imagine there was some chuckling.

How is this young boy going to defeat this giant?

Read 1 Samuel 17:38-51.

Saul tries to put his armor on David, but it's too big and David can't even move around in it.

Goliath goes on to talk a whole lot of trash to David.

David isn't talking about how great he is, he talks about how great his God is.

David is just a kid with a slingshot, but he is empowered by God.

Most people read this and they think it's a great story of the underdog winning.

Many people miss something very crucial.

David was not the underdog—He had God on his side.

He trusted that the living God was going to see him through this, and God did.

Why did David cut off the giant's head?

It's pretty gruesome to think about, but they were at war.

They needed to show that David really did kill Goliath.

You are going to face battles in your life against people who might be your enemy.

You need to deal with them by trusting in God.

The Lord will guide you.

The Lord will help you deal with your enemies.

FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some real battles you are struggling with right now?
2. Are your problems too big for you to face by yourself?
3. How does God help you deal with life's battles?
4. How should you treat people who want to be your enemy?
5. Should you be over confident when you are faced with a struggle?
6. How did David defeat Goliath?