

So how do we get this courage that allows us to act swiftly in the face of adversity while we maintain an honest evaluation that the things we fear are real?

1. Don't see yourself in the story as David see yourself as

2. Look to a _____ not imitating _____

God saves us by what theologians call "Imputation"

The Point Of The Story:

1. God's Savior is _____

2. God's Savior is _____

He is not an example, he is not an inspiration, He is a substitute. **This is what is meant by imputation.**

Here's what the Bible is saying through this story to you and I

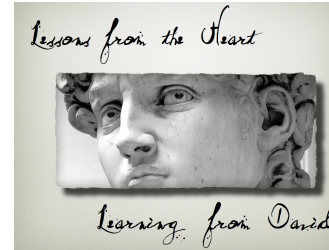
That God sent the ultimate David, who was also weak, and Jesus just didn't save us from physical death like David did but from eternal death. And Jesus didn't save us at the risk of his life but rather at the cost of His life.

You will never be able to deal with your own cowardice until you realize Jesus dealt with the ultimate nightmares in your place. **Because he was brave as you**, you do not have to fear anything, not even death.

How did Jesus do it?

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame
Hebrews 12:2b

Courage isn't motivated by the absence of fear
it's motivated by the presence of joy.



The Source of True Courage

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1 Samuel Chapter 17 David and Goliath

The Three Faces of Courage in the Story

Saul who is a picture of _____ courage.

Goliath who is a picture of _____ courage.

David who is a picture of _____ courage.

Saul's Story is in the first 31 verses

David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine;
1 Samuel 17:32

The Situation David Encountered

The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them. **4** A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. 1 Samuel 17:3,4

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. **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. **10** Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

1 Samuel 17:8-11

What is courage?

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

1. Courage is _____ in spite of the odds.

2. Courage is being able to do the right thing regardless of the _____ and regardless of the _____.

3. So the essence of courage is the ability to face your hearts _____ and still do the _____.

The detail of the Goliath description:

His height was six cubits and a span. He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; 6 on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. 7 His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him. 1 Samuel 17:5-7

Hebrew Scholar Robert Alter:

What's amazing about this passage is that Goliath is given a very detailed description. This description is unique practically to all Hebrew narrative.

Alter is saying that the story of David and Goliath is written to contrast two alternate forms of heroism; two alternate forms of overcoming fear.

What courage does Goliath have?

1. He has _____

2. He's _____

3. He's _____

Goliath's courage (counterfeit) is the result of banishing fearful thoughts by seeing yourself with confidence.

Here's the down side of Goliath's type of courage:

1. There is still a _____

2. Banishing away your fears will never help you to do the right thing when there is no _____.

The Source of David's Courage:

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. 46 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. 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."

1 Samuel 17:45-47