

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1273: What Can David, a Battlefield, and Cheese Teach Us?

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First point: Faith is trusting in a previous promise of God.

1. Who is David? What was his occupation? What did his father send him to do? What did he observe when he came to the battlefield? Why was David so incensed that no one would take up Goliath's challenge? Why do David's actions stir up friction, and why does this puzzle him? (See 1 Samuel 17)
2. Did God ask David to fight Goliath for Him? Why did David have the faith to step out and volunteer to do this? What does God *command* of us? Against which "giants" do we battle? What are two types of experiences in which we might need God's "Do not worry; I will be with you" promise? (See Leviticus 26:3,6,8, John 15:12, Romans 12:1, 2 Timothy 4:2, Hebrews 10:32-36)

Living a strong Christian life: Why do you trust in God? Do you trust in His trust in you? Are you living with "subtle courage and humble boldness"?

Second point: God orchestrates victories for His people whenever they are needed.

3. Did David trust in his own abilities and his own triumphs over adversity? How did the Apostle Paul develop his confidence? How did Paul look at his life-threatening experiences? What did both David and Paul believe? (See 1 Samuel 17:35,37, Acts chapters 14-28, 2 Corinthians 1:9-10)

Living a strong Christian life: Do you realize that you are living in biblical history right now and that God still delivers in your life? Where have you seen this in your life?

Third point: David was intentionally alert to God's opportunities in his daily life.

4. What should our frame of mind be as we go through our daily duties? What is our *highest* priority? What did David see when he looked at that giant, fearless and bloodthirsty warrior in front of him? How did David's being anointed at a young age focus his life? How should our anointing as Christians focus ours? How might we respond to criticisms of our Christian walk from others?

Living a strong Christian life: How do you respond to the "giants" in your life? Do you reach for God's hand in your life's experiences? Are you living *intentionally* alert to God's opportunities? What helps with this?

Fourth point: David applied wisdom and courage to overcome criticism, sarcasm and belittlement.

5. What are two things that "cure" fear? How did David describe Goliath? What did David have going for him due to his perception of Goliath? When should we speak or act? (See 1 John 4:18, 1 Samuel 17:26)
6. Describe the four examples of wisdom and courage given: Jeremiah, Moses, John the Baptist and Elijah. What are two essential points to remember in our fight against spiritual battles and against our own fear and discouragement? (See 2 Timothy 1:7, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

Living a strong Christian life: Are you able to stand in the face of fear and discouragement? Are you focused on fulfilling your godly priorities? In what specific struggles will you ask for God's help?

Fifth point: David LIVED in the power of God, intentionally seeking to serve God through his daily life.

7. How do we prepare ourselves to be "intentional"? Was David really unarmed? Are we? Who is our biggest "Goliath"? How do we hear what God speaks to us? (See 1 Samuel 17:45-47, Ephesians 6:14-18, 1 Peter 5:8)

Living a strong Christian life: Are you *standing ready* to fight the battles that God will have you fight?