

Clarity

The Enemies Of Focus

1 Samuel 17:23-31

When we choose to open our hearts and receive Him on His terms, we really begin to know Him. And when we begin to know Him, we more readily open our hearts to receive more of Him. This cycle of building trust becomes a holy unraveling of ourselves and a stunning revelation of Him. There is simply no shortcut to knowing God. It's not a simple one, two, three steps. Rather, it's a journey of asking, seeking, and knocking – and then finding. Then doing it all over again in different seasons. ... Hope for an unknown future has always been found in a known God... Jesus. (Katherine and Jay Wolf, *Suffer Strong*)

The Wounded Brother

- The “Champions” That Target Our Hearts – _____ and _____
- David’s Clarity Came From A _____ On _____.

Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God? (1 Samuel 17:26)

The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine. (1 Samuel 17: 37)

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.” (1 Samuel 17:45)

Reestablishing Our Heart’s Focus

- Clarity Is Experienced Through _____ With _____.

When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” (Matthew 14:26-27)

- Clarity Is Experienced Through _____ With _____.

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. (Ephesians 4:26-27)

A Final Thought

The key to real, lasting change in our spiritual life is consistently filling ourselves up with faith. Giants seldom go away quickly. Our invitation is to continually remind ourselves that Jesus has already won. We continually need to link up to what he has done and who he is in us. Then we talk to ourselves like God talks to us. We tell ourselves biblical truths. When we do these things and align ourselves with the plans of God, then little by little things change. ... We invite Christ to have full rule and reign in our hearts.

(Louie Giglio, *Goliath Must Fall*)