

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for July 2, 2023

Sermon Notes

That All the Earth May Know

Part 2: Faith in Action

1 Samuel 17:12-47

These two verses are critical to our understanding of what we see unfolding in 1 Samuel 17.

“Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature... For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6

The natural tendency for every one of us is to look at outward appearances. With our physical eyes we see people, circumstances, etc. and then, based on those observations, we make assessments, form opinions, make decisions and then respond accordingly. But seeing with physical eyes is very different than seeing with eyes of faith.

Eyes of faith see everything through the reality of God – his existence, his power, and his promises. Faith sees through the eyes of the heart - with a spiritual perspective that enables us to endure and overcome like the saints who have gone before us. “By faith [Moses] left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible” (Heb. 11:27). In other words, to live by faith is not to live by what we can see and feel and touch — on the basis of our sense-experience — but to live on the basis of what God has said and promised.

Today in 1 Samuel 17, David steps into the spotlight. The day begins for him in a very normal way, by the end of the day his life will be totally changed, as will the life of the nation of Israel. All this will occur because David, being filled of the Spirit of God, hears, sees, and acts according to a spiritual perspective that is based not on what he sees with his physical eyes, but on what he sees with the eyes of faith. There is much we can learn as we observe David’s faith in action.

Faith obeys (1 Sam 17:12-20)

Faith hears (1 Sam 17:21-23)

Faith responds (1 Sam 17:24-30)

Faith remembers (1 Sam 17:31-35)

Faith acts (1 Sam 17:36-47)

Applications

Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."

- *Colossians 3:16*

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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JULY

2 Churchwide Picnic @ Hyco Park 4pm-8pm
4 Independence Day - Church Office Closed
24-28 CentriKid Summer Camp @ Ridgecrest
27 Blood Drive (FLC) 10:30am-3pm
30 Communion
31-August 4 Be Do Tell Summer Camp @ Ft. Caswell
AUGUST
25 AHG Talent Showcase @ 6pm
25 Membership Class @ 6pm
27 Communion
28 GriefShare: Loss of Spouse @ 6:30pm
28 AHG/TLU Open Houses @ 6:30pm