In 1 Samuel 17 we find the story of a young man named David and the giant he killed named Goliath. There is so much for to draw from as the Lord teaches us through His word. We spent six weeks at the beginning of this year taking apart and digging deep into the many lessons we could glean from that chapter as we learned from David and how to deal with giants in our lives.

When you get to verse 38 of 1 Samuel 17 there are two verses that give us the picture of what it was like for a young shepherd boy putting on the armor of King Saul. If you're familiar with the story, you'll remember that simply didn't work, David's words were, "I cannot walk with these." We all know if he couldn't walk in the armor, then he certainly wouldn't be able to engage in battle with Goliath, so he took only his staff and 5 smooth stones and off he went.

As we are now spending time in Ephesians 6 where the Lord, through Paul, is commanding us to "put on the whole armor of God," he lists each piece specifically. We might ask ourselves, well, David defeated Goliath, and he wasn't wearing armor, why should we? There are two things I want to point out to you.

Firstly, David, just as you and I at times do, faced a very physical present danger that he had to deal with. Had he worn the physical armor, he couldn't have wound up that sling shot and thrown the stone that tumbled the giant. But, as we have already talked about, the Armor that Paul is teaching us about is preparation for the spiritual battles we are and will continue to face until the Lord comes again!

The second thing I want you to see is this.... David couldn't wear that physical armor into battle, we know...but he was certainly clad in all the armor necessary for his impending battle... "Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you." 1 Samuel 17:45-46a.

You caught it didn't you...every specific piece of armor Paul is teaching us about in Ephesians 6 encompasses the whole of the words of David, "I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel." The battle for us might be a physical one at times but the constant raging spiritual battle is one whose only pathway to victory is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ that covers us completely as we gird our waist with the belt of truth, as we put on the breastplate of righteousness and shod our feet with the gospel of peace, carrying the shield of faith while wearing the helmet of salvation armed with he sword of the spirit.

Be encouraged by this church family; as we learned from David, the battle belongs to the Lord! And may we continue to heed the message from Ephesians to us, "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on 20° Long *the whole armor of God,"* Praying for you all!

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