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**SERIES: 1 Samuel, Part 2 (Who Are You Most Like – Saul or David?)**

**TITLE: Program 7 – The Battle Is The Lord's**

**TUESDAY**

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Life can be such a strain, can't it, Beloved? I mean sometimes it seems like everything is coming down on us at once and we are bent over and bent over and bent over and we think we'll never lift our head again, we'll never see the light of day. O, Beloved, yes you will, you will if you will remember that the battle is not yours. The battle is the Lord's. And if you recognize that and you remember that, you're gonna be set free. We'll talk about it today.

**PART ONE**

I love the Word of God. And I love taking a story that you and I have known and heard as a child and plumb the depths of it. And we're going to learn so much from this story because this was written for our instruction. This was written for our encouragement. This was written so that we might persevere. This was written so that you and I might have hope when a Goliath comes against us. Now as we look at all these things, and as I talk about, okay,

what is faith's battle strategy or what do you do when a Goliath comes against you? I want you to understand that Goliath is an enemy of God. So I'm not talking about what happens when another brother or another sister comes against you and it's in family fighting. I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about Goliath being representative of the enemy of God, Goliath wanting to wipe out the people of God. I'm talking about a warfare that goes all the way back to Genesis chapter 3 when God spoke to the serpent and told the serpent, **"...I will put enmity Between you and [between] the woman,...between your seed and her seed...;" (Genesis 3:15a)** This is the eternal battle until Christ comes back and takes His throne. Even then if you know prophecy, you can know and understand that when He comes back and when He takes His throne, everybody still doesn't believe. We have to recognize that we are in a world where there are two camps, where there are two forces: there is the force and power of darkness; there is the kingdom of light. There is God and there is the devil. The devil's defeated, his power was taken away at Calvary. It was broken when Christ was crucified on that cross because Jesus paid the price for our sin and sin no longer has power over us and it's sin that gives death its power. So death has no power over us, because our sins have been taken care of. And that's why, whenever we face a Goliath, even if God allows us to die in that battle, we still win because we're [absent from the body and we're present with the Lord.] (PARAPHRASE, 2 Corinthians 5:8) Alright now I'm giving you several things that you need to have, that you need to remember when there is a Goliath in your life, when there is an enemy of God in your life. Not a personal conflict between you and some other brother or some other sister. I want you to make sure that you understand that. And the first thing that we saw is, that you are not to be dismayed, but you are to fear God, not man, because **"The fear of man brings a snare..." (Proverbs 29:25a)** Alright now, what's the second thing that I want you to get down. You need to remember, you need to keep on remembering who the enemy is coming

against. It's not just you. And this is what David understood. And I want to pick up these scriptures and look at them with you in 1 Samuel, chapter 17. And so in 1 Samuel, chapter 17, and in verse 10, this is what the Philistine says, and the Philistine is Goliath – and you're marking that. And put a brown box around this Philistine so that I see him. And what he says, in verse 10, is this: **"...‘I defy the ranks of Israel this day; give me a man that we might fight together.’" (1 Samuel 17:10b)** When he says, **"I defy the ranks of Israel [to]day...;"** you can know this: that if he is defying Israel, he is defying the pupil, the apple, of God's eye. And God says, "Don't you touch the apple of my eye. Don't you touch the pupil of my eye." I mean the pupil is very very sensitive and that's how they know, many times, if a person is alive or dead – they touch the pupil. And if there's no reaction, the person is dead. God is not dead. He's not gonna die and He says, "Don't you touch the pupil of my eye." And the children of Israel, when they're in this 40 days of fear, they don't stop and think: Hey, wait a minute, it's not just us that he's against, it's our God that he's against. And if it's our God that he's against, then we need to turn to God. So you have to remember this when a Goliath is in your life. Now, the second scripture I want you to look at is verses 25 and 26. And it says, **"The men of Israel said, ‘Have you seen this man...coming up? Surely he is coming up to defy Israel. And it will be that the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches. [He] will give him his daughter and make his father's house free in Israel.’ Then David spoke to the men who were standing by..., saying, ‘What will be done [to] the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel...?’" (1 Samuel 17:25-26a)** Listen, there is a reproach on God's people when the enemy of God is coming against them and they're standing there with their knees knocking and their absolutely shaking, it is a reproach. It is a reproach on Israel. And if Israel is the pupil of God's eye, and it is, then it's a reproach against God. And so, then David says, **"...For who is this uncircumcised**

**Philistine, that he should taunt...,”** now listen, **“...the armies...,”(17:26b)** and he doesn’t stop there. He doesn’t say, “Who is he that he should defy the armies of Israel.” Listen to what he says, **“...who is... [he] that he should taunt the armies of the living God?”** The living God. It’s not just the army, but it’s the army that is representing who God is and representing God. So it’s the armies of the living God. Now this is what I would like to suggest that you do, if you haven’t downloaded your study guide yet, I just took a black micro pen and put a fine black cloud around this part of verse 10 where he says he’s defying the armies of Israel. And I did the same thing at verse 26. So immediately in my Bible, I can look down and see where that is marked and I can see the repetition of it in verse 36. So I’m jumping now into the middle of the scripture. He says, **“Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine...,” (1 Samuel 17:36a)** When he’s saying uncircumcised, he’s saying, okay, he’s not a part of God’s covenant people. And because he’s not a part of God’s covenant people, he’s in opposition to God’s covenant people. Because when God instituted circumcision, and that’s in Genesis chapter 17, He told Abraham that any man that came in, any foreigner, that wanted to believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, that that man had to be circumcised. And if any Jew was not circumcised, he was outside the covenant. He was outside the blessing of God. Now, circumcision is the way that they defined them. This is what they did in the days of Hitler. I mean, if they wanted to know is this a Jew in disguise, that’s posing as a Gentile? They’d just pull the man’s pants down and they would see if he was a Jew. Because this is the sign of the covenant. So we’ve got the enemies of God against the people of God. And so he says, **“...since he has taunted the armies...,”** and he goes beyond the armies to **“...the armies of the living God.” (17:36b)** This is so vital that you remember this. You need to remember: Hey, it is God’s battle. God is the one that has the battle going on and I’m simply his foot soldier. I am there to say, “Yes, Sir.” I am there to

be under His command. So that when the Goliath looms, you just don't pick up your sword and just run out and start flinging that sword like mad. You don't do that. What you do is you sit down and you wait before God and you say, "God, alright tell me what am I supposed to do? How am I to handle this? You're the commander-in-chief. I'm just one of the foot soldiers. Now tell me, God, what I'm supposed to do. Alright, so, let's look at a couple scriptures on this because I want you to see this and I want you to understand it. And I want you to go to 2 Chronicles chapter 20. Now 2 Chronicles 20 hasn't happened yet in the history of Israel. But we find another man, Jehoshaphat, that is facing the enemy. And when Jehoshaphat faces the enemy, you find him doing exactly what he should do. Let's look at. It's 2 Chronicles chapter 20, verse 15. This is what he says: **"...‘Listen, all Judah and [all] the inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat...’"** This is the Word of God to King Jehoshaphat. **"...thus says the LORD..."****"Do not fear or be dismayed because of this...multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's"."** (2 Chronicles 20:15) Now what you see here, is you see a combination of the two principles that I've given you. Number one: Do not fear. The fear of man brings a snare. So this is the prophet now speaking to the children of Israel, speaking to King Jehoshaphat who is in charge of the children of Israel and this is what he's saying. Do not fear. Do not be dismayed. Why? The battle is not yours, it is the Lord's. Now, what he does is, he says, **"‘Tomorrow go down against them. [And] Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz, [that] you will find them at the end of the valley in...the wilderness of Jeruel. You need not fight in this battle; station yourselves, stand and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem.’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out to face them, for the LORD is with you."** (2 Chronicles 20:16-17) David went out to face Goliath, and he could do it because he remembered the principle that I'm giving you. And the principle is that the battle is the Lord's. That battle is

not against flesh and blood. You're not in that kind of a battle. You're in a spiritual battle and God's going to take control. You need to listen to him. We'll talk about it, right after this important announcement.

## **PART TWO**

Welcome back, Beloved. When we look, at this important second point, I want you to remember that when you're in this battle, against this Goliath, that this Goliath is an enemy of God. And because it's an enemy of God, he's fighting against God. I mean, you represent God to him. It's like all the stuff that is coming against Christendom today. I mean people wanna take us and shove us in the closet. They want us to go to church and then they want us to lock the church and bar the doors and don't have anything to say about moral issues. Don't have anything to say about how the government should be run. Just keep your mouth shut; keep God out of it. Listen, that is not what we are to do. We've got to remember that God is looking for Davids. God is looking for men and women who will believe God, who will remember that the battle is the Lord's and that we're his foot soldier. But there's no retirement in the time of war; that we're on active duty. And because we're on active duty, as it says in 2 Timothy, chapter 2. And let me read it to you because I want you to see it. In fact, if you'll turn there it's so important. And it's 2 Timothy and it's chapter 2. And this is what he says, in verse 3: **“Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of [Jesus Christ]. No soldier in active service entangles himself [with] the affairs of everyday life,...that he [might] please [him] who [has] enlisted him [to be] a soldier.”(2Timothy 2:3-4)** And now, since we're in the New Testament, I want you to go to the last book just before Revelation, which is Jude. It's just one chapter long. And in Jude, verse 3, he's telling us that in the last days, we're gonna fight battles. And you and I just have to know that and we have to remember: We're in a battle; the battle is the Lord's; we're His foot soldier; we're to stay on the front lines; we are to suffer hardship with Him.

He has enlisted us; we're in active duty. And in verse 3 this is what he says, **“Beloved, while I was making every effort to write [to] you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you [earnestly contend] for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.” (Jude 3)** Now this is the faith that was once for all handed down to the saints. It's the Word of God. And we are to contend for it and we are to stand for it. And we're to know, and we're not to be embarrassed if our nation would return to the principles and precepts of God, we wouldn't have all these murders. We wouldn't have all these horrendous things being done to children. We wouldn't have all these broken families and living with parents that have been married and remarried so that we don't even know who our father is or our mother is. Because our society is so messed up. If we had a fear of God and we would return to the precepts of God, then our society would level out and calm and once again the children would be able to play in the streets without fear. But they can't do that anymore. It's because we departed, because we've lost a fear of God. So we have to [earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.] (PARAPHRASE, Jude 3b) Alright now, we come to the third point that I want you to see and that is very important also. And that is, you're not to be swayed or discouraged by others when you're in a battle with a Goliath. When you're in a battle with a Goliath, he's called you to the front lines. He intends for you to stay there. He intends for you not to fear the enemy. He intends for you to remember that the battle is the Lord's. But he also doesn't want you to be discouraged by others. Now watch what happens to David. 1 Samuel, chapter 17. It says, **“Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men...;” (1 Samuel 17:28a)** He was asking the men, [“Alright, what's gonna be done to the person that brings down Goliath? And how dare he defy the armies of the living God.”] (PARAPHRASE, 1 Samuel 17:26) And so Eliab, his brother, is listening. **“...and Eliab's anger burned against David and he said, ‘Why have you**

come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your insolence and the wickedness of your heart; for you have come down in order to see the battle.’(17:28) [“You’ve left your guard-post; you’ve left your duty with those sheep, and you’ve just come down here because you just wanna stand there and gaze like a little boy at the battle.”] (PARAPHRASE) So, here he is trying to shame his brother, trying to get his brother to go home. **“But David said, ‘What have I done...?’” (17:29a)** I mean, can’t you just hear a younger brother to an older brother? **“What have I done...?”** [“I mean why are you questioning me this way?”] And, **“Then he turned away from him to another and said the same thing; and the people answered the same thing as before.” (17:30)** What’s going to happen? And they tell him what’s going to happen. And **“When the words which David spoke were heard, they told them to Saul, and [Saul] sent for him. [And] David said to Saul, ‘Let no man’s heart fail on account of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.’” (17:31-32)** Here’s a young lad, comparatively, standing before the king. This tall tall giant of a man, also. Saul was very tall. He was head and shoulders above the others. Standing before him and saying, [“Look, I’ll go fight against this Philistine.”] **“Then Saul said to David, ‘You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth while he has been a warrior from his youth.’” (17:33)** [“He’s been a warrior. You’re not a warrior. Don’t go.”] Once again there’s discouragement. **“But David said to Saul, ‘Your servant was tending his father’s sheep. When a lion or bear came and took a lamb from the flock, I went out after him and attacked him, and rescued it from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized him by his beard and struck him and killed him.’” (17:34-35)** He just reached out and grabbed that old lion’s beard and held him there and whopped him with his club or whatever and killed the lion. He says **“Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of**



**them, since...,**” now catch it, he understands “...since he has taunted the **armies of the living God.**” (17:36) Don’t be discouraged, Beloved, when people come to you and say there’s no way you can win that battle. Listen, it is single individuals that have determined that they are going to accomplish what they believe God has called them to accomplish. And others may come along and others may say, “Oh you can’t do it.” But listen, if you will stand for God, if you will not fear man, but you will fear God, if you will remember that the battle is the Lord’s, and if you will not allow yourself to be discouraged, I promise you that you will have victory, that you will win the battle, that you will come out as more than a conqueror. God told Joshua. God told the children of Israel. He has said it over and over again. **“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be dismayed.”** (*Referring back to 2 Chronicles 20:15 & 17 that she mentioned earlier. But it is found verbatim in 2 Chronicles 32:7*) He says, “You trust God. You be strong. You be courageous.” And these are the words of encouragement that we need. So you and I, Beloved, need to know and understand these principles. Because I’m telling you, more and more, as we see the day approaching, as we see the coming of the Lord, more and more as the nations align, more and more as the structure of the world changes, and they move farther and farther away from Christianity, God is going to need Davids. God is going to need women and men that know God, that do not fear man, but trust in God. That are not going to be dismayed, but are going to remember that the battle is the Lord’s and that we are able to win. And whether we win or lose in that particular battle, there’s a long-range program ahead. And all we have to do, is to be a faithful soldier of Jesus Christ. We just need to salute and say, “Yes, Sir.” And we need to go forward and know that we’ve got all the host of heaven behind us.”