

## BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”  
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

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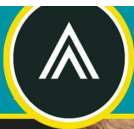
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## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Reggie & Kim Rempel | United States



### PRAISE

- The church has grown primarily due to the youth program that was started in the summer. Kim heads up the youth ministry and it has tripled in number. Many youth have accepted Christ

- We had a wonderful Christmas presentation with over 1000 people attending. During that time 6 people also accepted Christ.

### PRAY

- Kim is currently cancer free. Our prayer is that still remains so.

- Pray for the college as they seek new students to attend with the desire to train deaf young people to reach other deaf people around the world.

- Kim’s mother who lives in the DC area, recently fell. Please pray for her as she recovers.



Handout: 04/21/24

Study Date: 04/28/24

## Fight For Your Freedom

The story of David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17) is a factual account from biblical history that demonstrates how the Lord intercedes for His people. David was a shepherd, the youngest of the eight sons of Jesse of Bethlehem. King Saul and his men were battling the Philistines, one of which was a 9-foot giant named Goliath. The men of Saul’s army were afraid of Goliath, and there was no one to stand up to him. But David, filled with faith and a passion for God’s name which was being blasphemed by Goliath, slew Goliath with a stone and a sling. Then he cut off Goliath’s head with the giant’s own sword. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled before the Israelites, who had a great victory over them.

An important point in this story is that Goliath was taunting the sovereign Lord of the universe. He was challenging God’s people to stand up to him and demonstrate that their God was more powerful than he was. Until David came into the Israelite camp, there was no one who was willing to step out in faith and face the giant. However, David’s faith was so strong that he was willing to believe that the Lord would go with him and enable him to defeat Goliath (1 Samuel 17:36-37). David’s faith was born out of his experience of God’s grace and mercy in his life up to that point. The Lord had delivered him out of dangerous situations in the past, proving His power and trustworthiness, and David relied on Him to deliver him from the Philistine.

From the story of David and Goliath, we can learn that the God we serve is capable of defeating any of the giants in our lives—fear, depression, financial issues, doubts of faith—if we know Him and His nature well enough to step out in faith. When we do not know what the future holds, we have to trust Him. But we can’t trust someone we don’t know, so knowing God through His Word will build our faith in Him.

As Christians who have trusted Christ as the only way to heaven (John 14:6), our battle with the giants in our lives will result in victory if we cling by faith to God and His power. The illustration of David and Goliath is only one of many examples of the supernatural power of our Lord. He cares deeply for His children and wants only our best. Sometimes that involves trials and battles, but these are ultimately for our good and His glory. James tells us to consider it pure joy when we encounter trials because they test our faith and develop patience and perseverance (James 1:2-4). When we are tested by these trials, we can, in the power of the Lord, stand up against any giant, trusting our Savior to win the victory.

Resource: [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org)

## KEY VERSE

I Samuel 17:32 (NKJV)

*Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."*

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## WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday: I Samuel 17:4; I Samuel 17:32; I Timothy 4:12**

### Introduction

1. David states; *"Let no man's heart fail because of him;"* in reference to the giant! What is I Samuel 17:32 telling us about our need for courage?
2. In what ways specifically is I Timothy 4:12 calling us to *"be an example to the believers in the world"*?

**Tuesday: I Samuel 17:37; I Samuel 17:45-46; Hebrews 11:32**

### Trust The Lord For The Victory

3. In I Samuel 17:37 David says he was *"delivered from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear."* Through whom did he claim these victories?
4. David's enemies come at him with swords, spears and javelins in I Samuel 45, but what weapon does he profess to have already guaranteed him victory?

**Wednesday: I Sam.17:28; I Sam.17:31-33; I Sam.17:42-44**

### Do Not Listen To Doubting Critics

5. Have YOU ever been criticized as David was in I Samuel 17:28?
6. In I Samuel 17:42-44 David is put down by his enemy Goliath as not being a worthy opponent. What does this story teach us about being intimidated?

**Thursday: I Samuel 17:40; II Timothy 2:21; Luke 14:28**

### Prepare For The Battle

7. In I Samuel 17:40 David carefully chooses the weapons he intends to use to face his enemy. What weapons are YOU choosing every day to do battle?
8. II Timothy 2:21 tells us that we must prepare spiritually that we may be *"sanctified and useful for the Master."* What practices will achieve this?
9. In what way is Luke 14:28 telling us to prepare?

**Friday: I Samuel 17:29; I Samuel 17:49,51; I Corinthians 10:31**

### Fulfill Your Purpose Which Is To Glorify God

10. In I Samuel 17:49 David uses his sling and a stone to defeat the giant Goliath. What giant is God calling YOU to slay in your life?
11. What practices are we called to in I Corinthians 10:31 that we may *"do all to the glory of God."* Share your practices with the others in the group.