III. PREPARE FOR THE BATTLE

“40 Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd’s bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.” I Samuel 17:40

Prepare spiritually.

“Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.” II Timothy 2:21

Prepare physically.

“For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—” Luke 14:28

IV. FULFILL YOUR PURPOSE WHICH IS TO GLORIFY GOD

“And David said, “What have I done now? Is there not a cause?” I Samuel 17:29

“49 Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth.

51 Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.” I Samuel 17:49,51

Our “cause” is to glorify God in everything.

“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” I Corinthians 10:31

THE FIGHT
Fight For Your Freedom
Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

A. Let’s face it, life is like a fight. And we often feel like we are losing. But God wants us to know that the ultimate victory has already been won by Jesus! Now He wants to help us win and to finish our lives like the Apostle Paul who said,

“I have fought the good fight,...” II Timothy 4:7a

Yes, this life we are called to live is sometimes a fight. But we don’t have to lose, we can win through Jesus!

B. Let’s be honest and admit that not all our battles are of equal significance. But there are some that literally make or break the potential of our lives. Join us for THE FIGHT Teaching Series! Discover how we can win the battles that matter the most by applying six “fight” Bible passages.

Mar 31 Jesus Fought For Us And Won!
Apr 7 Fight For Your Faith
Apr 14 Fight For Your Family
Apr 21 Fight For Your Focus
TODAY Fight For Your Freedom
May 5 Fight For Your Faithfulness

C. TEXT: I Samuel 17:1-11

The number one enemy of freedom is fear.

“The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.” Proverbs 29:25
HOW TO FIGHT FOR YOUR FREEDOM

• Goliath was a champion fighter. He was also a really big man. Therefore, the Israelites were afraid of him.

> “And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.”

I Samuel 17:4

• David courageously announces that he will fight Goliath.

> “Then David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”

I Samuel 17:32

Faith is confident obedience to the Word of God regardless of circumstances or consequences.

> “And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:”

Hebrews 11:32

I. TRUST THE LORD FOR THE VICTORY

> “Moreover David said, “The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”

I Samuel 17:37

II. DO NOT LISTEN TO DOUBTING CRITICS

Eliab criticized David for being rebellious.

> “Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab’s anger was aroused against David, and he said, “Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle.”

I Samuel 17:28

Saul criticized David for being young.

> “31 Now when the words which David spoke were heard, they reported them to Saul; and he sent for him.

32 Then David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”

33 And Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.”

I Samuel 17: 31-33

Goliath criticized David for being weak.

> “42 And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good- looking.

43 So the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!”

I Samuel 17:42-44

David rejected the criticism and ran forward.

> “So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.”

I Samuel 17:48