



# AGAINST ALL ODDS

THE  
WORD

## SESSION SNAPSHOT

BELIEVING IN THE ONE WHO SLAYS GIANTS

### NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

1 Samuel 17:38-51

### GOSPEL FOCUS:

Luke 9:23

### TAKEAWAYS:

- Prepare in private so you're ready in public
- Your identity is in Christ

### LAST WEEK'S READING:

- 1 Samuel 17-18
- 1 Samuel 19-20
- 1 Samuel 21-22
- Psalm 22; 1 Samuel 24-25:1
- 1 Samuel 28; 31

## STUDY THE WORD

***Have you ever trained for something or honed a skill and then gotten to use it? Tell us about it.***

***Is there anything you're preparing for now that you might not need until sometime later?***

***What about David's life had prepared him to face Goliath?***

***Why do you think it was important for him to remember the times the Lord had protected him in the past? When has it helped you to do the same thing?***

***When a large, seemingly impossible obstacle showed up in Israel's path, the first thing they did was tremble. But the first thing David did was step up. When have you encountered an obstacle that seemed impossible to overcome?***

***What do you think David's ultimate goal was when fighting Goliath? What makes you say that?***

***What do you think it looks like to accomplish something with the Lord's strength instead of your own? When have you experienced that in your own life?***

***What are things you can do today that will make "the whole world know" that we have a victorious God?***

***What do you think gets in the way of our focus on the Lord?***

***When do you feel the most easily distracted? What are some of the things that distract you most easily?***

***What is a step you can take today to prepare yourself in private for a spiritual battle that will come your way in the future?***

***Read Luke 9:23. How does this relate to the account we read today of David and Goliath?***

***What can we do to die to self every day? Why do you think this is so important if we want to follow Jesus?***

## APPLY THE WORD

In order to put Goliath to death in our own lives--the spirit that rebels against God and seeks, instead, to glorify ourselves--we need to live like David did. We must focus. We must prepare. We must seek out and destroy that which lives in contradiction to the Lord. And we can only do that with the Lord's help.

***Where does my mind go when it begins to wander?***

***What areas of my life are ones that I need to surrender to the Lord if I want to follow Him?***

***How can I glorify God in both my public and private life?***

## PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

***Next Week's Reading:***

- ***2 Samuel 1; 2:1-7***
- ***2 Samuel 3:1; 5; Psalm 23***
- ***2 Samuel 6-7***
- ***Psalm 18; 2 Samuel 9***
- ***2 Samuel 11-12***