

# Broken but Still Courageous

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Week Two

(Outline Philip Griffin)

# Facing Life's Battles teaches us to:

- SURRENDER everything to God.
- Become more CONFIDENT.
- Our God is a God of MIRACLES.

**How Does God want us to  
face our Giants?**

**1. By listening to God's  
VOICE.**

**“Who is this uncircumcised  
Philistine, that he should  
defy the armies of the living  
God?” (1 Samuel 17:26)**

“They repeated to David what they had been saying and told him, ‘This is what will be done for the man who kills Goliath’”  
(1 Samuel 17:27).

**“When Eliab, David’s oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, “Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert?...”**

**I know how conceited you are  
and how wicked your heart is;  
you came down only to watch  
the battle” (1 Samuel 17:28).**

**“Now what have I done?” said David. ‘Can’t I even speak?’ (1 Samuel 17:29).**



**“He turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before. What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him” (17:30).**

**“Let no one loose heart on  
account of Goliath; your  
servant will go fight him”  
(1 Samuel 17:31).**

**“You are not able to go out  
against this Philistine and  
fight him; you’re only a boy,  
and he has been a fighting  
man from his youth”  
(1 Samuel 17:33).**

**“But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it and struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth...”**

When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both a lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God” (1 Samuel 17:34-36).

**“The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” Saul then said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.” (1 Samuel 17:33).**

## 2. Utilizing our GIFTS.

Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened his sword over the tunic and tried walking about, but he was not used to it. “I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them” (1 Samuel 17:38-39).



“He took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, [and] put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag” (1 Samuel 17:40).

“Among all these soldiers were seven hundred chosen men who were left-handed, each of whom could sling a stone at a hair and not miss”  
(Judges 20:16).

### 3. Staying FOCUSED on God.

“He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels.” His coat of armor weighed 125 pounds.”

“On his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back.” “His spear shaft was like a weaver’s rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels.”

Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him. He said to David, “Am I a dog that you come at me with sticks?”...

And the Philistine cursed David by his gods, “Come here,” he said, “I’ll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!”

(1 Samuel 17:41-44)

“You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come at you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied”

(1 Samuel 17:45).

4. Relying on God, not our  
own ABILITIES.



“This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth”  
(1 Samuel 17:46).

**“And the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. And all those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”**

“In my distress I called to the Lord. I called out to my God. From his temple he heard my voice.”

A poor goal is to not look stupid.

“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe”  
(Ephesians 1:18-20).