



Sermon Discussion Guide for Groups

"David the Warrior" | The Story of Us series

**Preached by Pastor Brady Boyd
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"Praise the Lord, who is my rock. He trains my hands for war
and gives my fingers skill for battle."

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Summary

Have someone from your group read the following summary aloud.

Pastor Brady Boyd delivered a powerful message on *David and Goliath* from 1 Samuel 17, a passage that holds deep personal significance for him. It was the first sermon he preached as senior pastor at New Life Church in 2007, during a season when he had no idea how much he would need that message himself.

In a moment of raw honesty, he shared about a time when the weight of leadership felt so daunting that he wanted to quit. But God kept bringing him back to David's story, that of a young shepherd standing before an impossible giant, armed with nothing but a sling, five smooth stones, and an unshakable trust in God.

With warmth and conviction, Pastor Brady reminded us that *everyone* will face a Goliath at some point. And in those moments, three truths matter most: God has been faithful before, and he will be faithful again. Each person is called to step into the battle as their authentic self—just as David refused to wear Saul's armor. And not every fight is theirs to take on, but when God calls them into the battle, he fights alongside them.

He challenged us as the church to consider: What *giant* stands in front of us today? And more importantly—are we trusting God to stand with us in the fight?

Opening Prayer

Open your session in prayer, using the words below or your own.

“Teach us today, Father, through this passage of Scripture, and let the courage of young David find its way into our lives. May we be bold warriors of yours as we face everything you allow into our lives. Help us to be honest about our own fears and give us wisdom to see how this ancient story applies to us today. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

Getting Going

Allow time for each person in the group to answer the following question.

What's a recent challenge you've faced that initially seemed impossible to overcome?

Discussion Questions

Answer as many of the following questions as time and interest permit.

1. How do you typically respond when facing an overwhelming challenge?
2. How do you discern which battles are yours to fight and which aren't?
3. What does it mean to you that “the battle belongs to the Lord”?
4. Describe a significant time when God clearly showed his faithfulness to you.
5. What is one practical step you can take this week to face your fears with God's help?

Making It Personal

Take the opportunity noted below to apply this week's sermon to your everyday life.

This week, identify one “Goliath” in your life, a fear or challenge that seems overwhelming. Write it down, along with three ways God has shown his faithfulness to you in the past. Each day, pray specifically about this challenge, remembering that the battle belongs to the Lord and that he is with you in the fight.

Key Takeaways

Commit to memory one point from the message before you dismiss.

Which of these points will you carry with you this week?

- ▶ When facing a current challenge, remember God's faithfulness in past victories.
- ▶ Not every battle is yours to fight, but for those that are, God will fight with you.
- ▶ Fear is real but doesn't have to control us. We can be controlled by the will and ways of God instead.

Closing Prayer

Have someone from your group close your time in prayer.

“Lord, thank you for reminding us that we never have to face our battles alone. When life feels overwhelming, help us to look back and remember how faithful you’ve always been. Teach us to show up as our real, authentic selves—the way you created us to be.

“Give us wisdom to know which battles are ours to fight and which ones we need to leave in your hands. And when we do step into the fight, fill us with courage, knowing that you’re right there with us, leading the way. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Key Passage | 1 Samuel 17:37, NIV

These verses were highlighted during this week’s sermon and appear here for your reference.

“The Lord who rescued me [David] from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Passages for Further Study

- 1 Samuel 17:32
- 1 Samuel 17:37
- 1 Samuel 17:45
- 1 Samuel 17:47

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