SERMON NOTES

Sunday, August 9, 2020

"<u>FACING THE GIANTS</u>" (1 Samuel 17)

Life is filled with challenges. Some are bigger than others. In our message today we will look at the cast of characters in the story, their varied approaches to their big problem, and see the difference it makes when God is at the center of our plan.

"Do not look at his appearance or his stature because I have rejected him. Humans do not see what the Lord sees, for humans see what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7, CSB).

"The Philistines were standing on one hill, and the Israelites were standing on another hill with a ravine between them" (1 Samuel 17:3, CSB).

"Go, and may the Lord be with you" (1 Samuel 17:37, CSB).

"You come against me with a sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel—you have defied him. Today, the Lord will hand you over to me. Today, I'll strike you down, remove your head, and give the corpses of the Philistine camp to the birds of the sky and the wild creatures of the earth. Then all the world will know that Israel has a God, and this whole assembly will know that it is not by sword or by spear that the Lord saves, for the battle is the Lord's. He will hand you over to us"" (1 Samuel 17:45-47, CSB).

"The battle is the Lord's" (1 Samuel 17: 47, CSB).

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31, NIV).

"The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1, NIV).