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Tuesday

Faces of Faith

Courageous Faith

Introduction:

I Samuel 17

Slide Before you stands a giant Philistine. He is 9’ 9” (4)

* He was the Philistine armies’ champion of war. (4)
* He is huge.
* On his large head is a helmet of brass. (5)
* Covering his massive midsection is scaled coat of armor weighing 78 to 156 pounds. (5) if - 75 pounds would be 300 apples (600 apples at 150lb)
* He has brass armor to protect his considerably large shins. (6)
* He is wearing a javelin of brass between his shoulders. (6)
* His spear in diameter is like a weaver’s beam – small in diameter fence post and the head of iron weights 15lbs. (7) Think of a 15lb. bowling ball on the end of a fence post.
* Standing before him was a man bearing his battle shield.
* This is what he has to say to you – Read verse 43-44

Slide

What would you do? Run and hide this man is humongous now that I am up close “what was I thinking”

No this is what you do if you have faith and trust in the only true and living God, you muster up all the courage you have, look him right in the eye and say… Read verses 45-47

**How did David do that?** Faith! Trust! Courage!

**You can do that too! With any and all giants in your life.**

Slide Romans 8:31 “if God is for us, who can be against us”

* Father increase my faith.

We are so blessed to be surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses to show us what it means to have faith and tonight’s subject… *A Courageous Faith.*

I. Click Courage Defined

A. Courage

1. Click One making themselves strong, to strengthen one’s self.

2. Click To have a steadfastness of mind.

3. Click To have confidence

4. Someone has once said that “Courage is doing what you're afraid to do.

There can be no courage unless you're scared.”

5. It is the state of your spirit or mind to face danger or fear. (AHD)

Slide 6. Joshua 1:6-7 “Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall

divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give

them.  Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do

according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not

turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper

wherever you go.”

II. Faces of Faith -  *A Courageous Faith*

A. **Moses**

1. Hebrews 11:24-26

a. Something that makes Moses a great witness of faith is the fact that he understood

real value, what was truly important and of great value.

b. Can you imagine the wealth that lie at young Moses’ feet?

c. Can you imagine the power within the reach of his fingertips?

d. This young man must have been crazy. He gave wealth and power up to suffer

affliction with his fellow Israelites.

e. How could he do that? FAITH! “by faith Moses”

f. You talk about making a sacrifice. He forfeited the pleasures of sin for the greater

riches in Christ. Sacrifice is a forfeiture of something you value for something you

deem of greater value.

g. You talk about courage - to take a man’s life; to leave the powerful Egyptian empire.

2. Moses wasn’t short-sighted, he saw greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.

a. That’s incredible, that’s faith.

b. Click **(Hebrews 11:27) He saw “Him who is invisible” FAITH**

c. Click Faith Sees the Unseen.

3. You see Moses had a choice, just like you and I have choices.

a. Where to work, where to live, what to wear or not wear (modest or immodest), how to

talk, what to do and not do, what to drink and what not to drink, what to think on and

what not to think on.

b. To have sex before marriage or to abstain. To view pornography or not view

pornography. Choices!

4. When I have things that I must give up, things that are pleasurable and the things I

enjoy but are sin, I find Moses to be a true hero in possession of a courageous faith.

B. **Mary**

1. Luke 1:26-33

a. Mary the mother of Jesus.

b. Why was she chosen?

1) She was a virgin – she had yet to have sexual relationship

with a man.

1) That is unpopular in our day and time but it is the right

thing to do, it is the right choice to make.

2) She was “highly favored” in the eyes of God.

3) The Lord was with her

2. Click Luke 1:46-55- listen to the words of this wonderful young lady.

3. Click Her courageous faith was virtuous.

1. Her purity and her excellent spirit and character is a great

testament for young ladies today.

4. You will also notice I put up the word submissive

a. Mary’s courageous faith was submissive.

1) Click Luke 1:38 “Let it be done to me according to Your word.”

5. Mary had a choice, and her choice was to please God each and every day.

a. May I take a moment to talk about choices.

1) God gives us a freedom of choice.

2) But God giving us a choice does not eliminate what He has

revealed to be right and wrong.

3) We have free will to choose, but our choice can be the wrong

choice.

6. Jamey

a. Little league catcher for the team. The only one.

b. A Wednesday night game was on the schedule.

c. His dad told him that he would have a choice to make for himself

whether he was going to stay or go to the Bible study.

d. He knew right then and there he was going to choose to stay at the

game.

e. The Wednesday night game rolled around and about the 3rd or 4th

inning his father came to the backstop fence and asked him what his decision was.

f. Without hesitation he informed his dad that he was staying.

g. The look on his father’s face crushed him but his response shocked

him.

h. “Son, I am disappointed in your decision, you have made the

wrong choice, now get in the car we are going to Bible study.”

i. His dad made him wear his shin guards and chest pad so everyone

would know where he really wanted to be that night.

j. Sadly, I have also known of good kids who do walk away to serve

the Lord only to have their parents rebuke them for letting the team

down.

7. I say again, it is true that God gives us a freedom of choice.

a. We can choose to lie, cheat, steal, commit adultery, be

promiscuous, party, drink, act sensually in lewdness and

licentiousness, but it will still be sinful and will always be the

wrong.

8. Will you and I have a courageous faith willing to make the tough choices

in this life to inherit eternal life?

C. **David**

1. I want to come back for a moment to David.

2. Here is a man that has his life laid before us in the Bible.

a. His moments of victory laid before us for our learning, but also the

reality of his horrible sins.

3. But if we turn to…

4. Acts 13:22-23

a. “I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart

who will do all My will.”

b. What a testament to the heart of David.

c. Click An evidence of a man’s courageous faith is his ability to be

humble and admit when he is wrong, he or she is penitent.

1) Without humility we will not see God.

5. Click Psalm 32:5

6. Click Psalm 51:1-4

7. May God help us to have this kind of heart, to have this kind of faith.

Conclusion: Slide Psalms 31:24 says “Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, All you who hope in the LORD.”

Slide Review Slide

The Lord’s promises are sure and the promises of heaven are grand.

Invitation: Courage to obey the Gospel tonight? HBRCB