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# A BOLD Heart

Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

## Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

This is the story about a young boy with a bold heart. It is perhaps the most well-known story in all the Bible, but I'm not sure it's often well-understood or applied. This is not simply about an underdog kid who suddenly rises to the challenge; it is a story about heart development.

At one point in the account, David tells Saul how he has come to develop such boldness in the face of this angry Philistine (I Samuel 17:34-37). David talks about the lions and bears from his everyday life as a shepherd. You see, we all face smaller challenges in life that prepare us for the bigger "Goliaths" we will face down the road. Our response to the lions and bears will predict and prepare us for our Goliaths.

Goliaths are scary, intimidating and absolutely terrifying sometimes. Trying to pretend they don't exist is foolish. Goliath is described in this chapter (I Samuel 17:4-11) to point out this very fact. Sometimes Christians try to downplay the real power of divorce, cancer, death, job loss...whatever Goliath it may be. But that does NOT make you more spiritual.

- Name some Goliaths that Christians tend to downplay.
- How do they downplay them to make them SEEM more spiritual?
- Considering the real power of Goliath, how did David find the boldness to face him with such confidence? (I Samuel 17:45)
- Share a Goliath in your life—either now or in your past. Did you face your Goliath more like David or more like Saul and the rest of the Israelites?
- In this story, David gains COMPLETE victory over Goliath (I Samuel 17:48-51). Are there any injured or subdued Goliaths in your life that you need to kill? What would complete victory (killing that Goliath) look like?