

## Stop Fearing and Cultivate Confidence in the Lord - 1 Samuel 17: 1-49

### The Frightened Soldiers (Read 1 Samuel 17:1-11):

- Why is there such fear in the Israelite army?
- Few Christians in the UK face physical danger in the way that these Israelites were challenged but often our behaviour is dominated by fears. What fears do you think people in our society battle with?
- Can you identify fears in your own life that shape your attitudes/ behaviour?

### The Doubting King (Read 1 Samuel 17:24-27 and 31-39)

Saul had the responsibility of bringing leadership in this situation?

- Why do you think he might have been failing to do this?
- From his conversation with David, what do we learn about where he was putting his confidence?
- When we as Christian are confronted with personal or public challenges, where do we look for solutions and what does this reveal about our beliefs?

### The Confident Shepherd Boy (Read 1 Samuel 17:26, 32, 37 and 45-47):

- Why is David's response so different?
- How has David developed the confidence he shows?
- As you reflect on David, how can our day-to-day habits prepare us for the crises of life which inevitably come.

David was the representative fighting and defeating the giant Goliath on behalf of the Israelites, so the Lord Jesus is our representative defeating the power of sin and death for us.

- How does this truth give us confidence to keep going in the many and varied challenges of life.
- Can you identify practical steps that you could take to strengthen your Faith and build greater confidence in God?

