

WEEK 2 | THE ONE WHO STANDS BETWEEN...

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1 SAMUEL 17:8-11, 28-29, 38-39, 45, 47 (NIV)

8 Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." 10 Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." 11 On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

28 When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle." 29 "Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?"

38 Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. 39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off.

45 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

NOTES (THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)

WE ARE A CHURCH WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME, AND EVERYONE IS WANTED...INCLUDING YOU.

GOING DEEPER

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

What's your favorite "underdog" story of all time? Why does it resonate with you?

Read 1 Samuel 17. What assumptions does David's brother Eliab make about David (v. 28-29)?

Saul tries to put David in his armor, but David can't "walk" in them (v.38-39). In what ways have others tried to make you be something you aren't? How have you done this to yourself?

Read verse 45 again. What was really driving David? Where was his trust, compared to Goliath? Goliath in Hebrew means "to reveal or expose." What was revealed and exposed in this story? About Goliath? About David? About God?

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

2 Corinthians 12:9b,10b (NLT) - I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me...For when I am weak, then I am strong.

TAKE A STEP:

Think back on this story from 1 Samuel. What's a step of faith that you believe God is calling you to take? What's keeping you from it?

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ALL IN, TOGETHER

GENERAL OFFERING

2023 Weekly Budget: Given September 10th: Difference:	\$10,187 \$7,733 (\$2,454)
2023 Annual Budget:	\$529,724
2023 Budget YTD:	\$366,732
2023 Given YTD:	\$321,738
Difference:	(\$44,994)

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\$12,989
\$150,382
\$472,875

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