Why He Fights

- David fights for the Lord's HONOR.

- David fights because he knows God's CHARACTER.

  He is the LIVING God

  He is the POWERFUL God

  He is the FAITHFUL God

- David fights because he cares more for God's HONOR than for his own SAFETY.

How He Fights

- David fights with a FAITH that reflects God's CHARACTER.

- David fights not with the weapons of the world, but with SURPRISE and WEAKNESS.

- David uses the enemy's WEAPON to DEFEAT the enemy.

3. The VICTORY of the Lord's People

- The Lord's people WATCHED as the Lord's Anointed WON their victory for them.

- The victory of the Lord's Anointed was CREDITED as the victory of the Lord's people.

- The Lord used the victory of His Anointed to REDIRECT the people's FOCUS back to HIMSELF and His HONOR.

THE LIFE OF DAVID

David and Goliath
1 Samuel 17
Sunday, October 21, 2018

Some of us are super familiar with the story of David and Goliath. Others of us may know the names, but are not familiar with the real Biblical story at all. No matter how familiar we are, let's hear God's Word afresh and anew today. Together let's explore . . .

1. The FAILURE of the Lord's People

- The Lord's people had LOST SIGHT of the Lord.

- Before the enemy, the Lord's people are FAITHLESS.

- Because the Lord's people are FAITHLESS, they are FEARFUL and living in FAILURE.

2. The CHAMPION of the Lord's People

Who Fights

- Eliab calls him INSIGNIFICANT and EVIL-HEARTED.

- Saul calls him just an INEXPERIENCED BOY.

- Goliath DISDAINS and MOCKS him.

- But what no one knows is that David is uniquely qualified for this fight as the LORD'S ANOINTED.

- David is God's ANSWER to Goliath's CHALLENGE.

4. "When God's people lose sight of God, it leads them to fear and failure." How is this principle shown in this story? How have you experienced that principle in your own life? What is one thing you are afraid of in your life?

5. David brings a different worldview and perspective to the scene. What does he see that the others don't?

6. What is the impact of David's victory as the Lord's Anointed? Why is David's victory the people's victory? How is this victory used by the Lord?

7. How does this David story point us to the work of Jesus for us? Explore the many parallels together as a group.

8. Share one circumstance/issue in your life right now where you need to keep your eyes on Jesus, the Lord's Anointed, His honor and ultimate victory for us? What might that look like? What difference might that make?

Praying Together

- Pray for a renewed vision of God and all that He's done for us in Jesus, His Anointed . . . across all the tough circumstances you are facing.

- Confess your fears to the Lord and pray for a growing faith to face those fears.