

First Defeat The Lion

“ You’ll never defeat the giant, unless you first conquer the lion and the bear.”

1 Samuel 17:32-51

Everyone here surely has heard the story of “David and Goliath.” Probably more than once.

It’s a pretty good book to read to our children, It teaches them that no matter what comes up **Gods able to bring them through.**

It also teaches us ***That the God that we serve, the battle belongs to him.***

Consider David

This young man that came off of the shepherds field, **didn’t come off of the field unprepared.**

While he was there probably not doing what he wanted to do, while ***he was tending to the flock*** his brothers were out in the war.

- He probably had ***rather been a soldier.***
- His brothers were hiding, but **David was ready to fight!**
- And this is probably because of what happened while he was tending the sheep.

1. David had Confidence!

The confidence David had came ***by what God helped him do*** while taking care of the sheep.

The Bible says that there came out ***a lion and a bear*** and it took one of the sheep!

- **The enemy is not afraid of the flock!!!**

2. The lion

The lion came and ***took a lamb out of the flock, not away from the flock!***

- Also he took the lamb ***while the Shepherd was still present!***
- **The enemy don’t stop** at the backdoor of the church!
- **The enemy doesn’t stop** just because we’re The Church, or because we’re saved or because we’re filled with the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 5:8 NKJV

Be sober (*self-controlled*), be vigilant (*watchful*); because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

****A lion is a Fierce Beast*, and a tremendous beast but the thing that is so fearful about the lion is its roar!

- Well isn't that just like the Devil?
- He makes us *Fearful*..
- He talks to us and persuades us that we cannot conquer.

So we find that the lion came in the presence of the flock also in the presence of the shepherd.

Vs 35 - I went out after it and struck it- *“and I went after him”*
I've heard people say “I've been running from the devil all day long.”
Well maybe that's the problem, **why don't you go after him!!**

You'll never get anywhere running from your problems

Nor your situations, nor your burdens....

You'll never conquer anything by running from them

But the best thing to do is run to them and **conquer them!**

***Proverbs 30:30 NKJV

³⁰ A lion, *which is* mighty among beasts And does not turn away from any;

- **The lion** is the strongest among the Beast. It also tells us that he is destructive.
- **The enemy** is out to destroy you, he is out to kill you!

He is Strong, and destructive

You will never be able to stand against the greatest offence until you first conquer these small battles in your life.

Because every battle you go through, it prepares you for a **bigger and greater one**.

Somebody said preacher *I want to live a life for God* where there are no problems or sorrows and no troubles, well me too!

- **I haven't found that yet!**
- But every battle, every hardship, it makes me look over my shoulder and say the same God That brought me through that...
- Will bring me through this one.
- And David was able to say that!!!

The objective of the enemy is to plant fear in your heart.

"I'm going down", "I'm not going to make it"

I come to tell you today - **"greater is he that is in me than he who is in the world!"**

You Gotta **conquer your lion!**

You Gotta **conquer your bear!**

Or you'll **never win the battle with the Giant!!**

And sooner or later **your gonna face a giant**, and if you quit every time those lion or bear problems come then you'll never make it

We can't turn and run!!!!

- David said "I'm able'.
- I'm qualified and ready" To take down the Giant.

David tells Saul about the lion and bear!

- **It was confidence!**

And im confident to know that what God said he'll do he's gonna Do!

- There's **no place to stop!**

- Just keep on marching!

- keep on praying!

- put your hand in God's hand

- **Gods gonna give you victory**, Gods gonna reign triumph upon you.

And you'll be able to stand against the adversary the devil!

I've watched **MMA and UFC fighters** -where they got knocked down in the fight but got up and ended up winning the match.

I've watched **basketball and football games** where a team came out and dominated them for the first half but they didn't quit or give up and come back and win the second half. ***Some of the Greatest Moments ever!!!***

You will never face down your giant if first you don't face down your lion.

We might as well stand up and say "***If God be for me, who can be against me***"

- **Stand your ground and fight for God**
- **Don't you be a quitter but be a winner for Jesus.**
- **A winner never quits, and a quitter never wins!**

Be like an ostrich

- when an ostrich is fearful, **he just runs around in circles.**

- but ***don't quit running...***

We have got to learn that - if we stop at every hindrance we come to then ***we will never be nothing for God.***

I know who my God is, I know who my redeemer is, and I'm not gonna run just because the devil has roared against me.

I heard someone say once, **the people out in the world**, they have so many problems but **they don't quit the world!**

They keep on sinning they keep on working for the devil!

But as soon as they come to God and they have problems they say i ain't gonna take no more of this if this is how Gods going to treat his people - **Grow up!!!!!!**

Bible talks about running the race, carrying your cross.

If you run a race ***it takes strength from you!***

If you pick up a beam ***it pulls strength from you!***

If your gonna live for God, **Then you better be ready to give up some of you!!!**

Its gonna cost you some time,
its gonna cost you some prayers,
its gonna cost you some dedication,
Its gonna cost you standing in the midst of your “fiery trials”

And let it be known today,
Were not gonna stop!!!
Were not gonna bow, we will not burn!
Our God is able to deliver us out.

Close:

Somewhere in your Christian walk your gonna meet up with an 9 foot 9 inch Giant

- Unless Gods brought you through some victories,
- you'll never stand before him!

The giant told David that he was gonna feed him to the fowls of the air!

note* finish the David & Goliath story

-tell about **knocking our problems down** but not completely getting rid of them!!

Praise team

Before you can ever be a great warrior for God, you have got to completely kill some things in your life.

Flesh

“the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak!”

I believe in the Holy Spirit and i believe in complete dedication, and just giving everything up to him...

Everyone of us here has some things that we just wont completely give up to God. And we wonder why we struggle with this or with that.