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PENTECOST 09

Heroes of the Faith – David – Facing Down Your Giants

WORSHIP FOCUS

Heroes of the Faith. We look up to them and they seem larger than life to us. Sometimes, however, we forget that these were ordinary people doing extraordinary things - with the power and strength and guidance of God! We begin our series by taking a look at David and how to face down your “giants” in life.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

During our worship service there are many times when the congregation is asked to stand or to be seated. If this is an issue for you feel free to remain seated, or if already standing, to be seated as needed.

PASTOR'S WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LSB 790, Stanzas 1,4-5

(Please stand for the singing of the last stanza)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100:1-3)

Pastor: Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before Him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the LORD is God!

People: **He made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Pastor: With this in mind we begin our worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION (1 Corinthians 15:3)

Pastor: And now, let's start our worship with a clear conscience and joyful heart as we admit our sins to God knowing that He is faithful and just and will forgive us from all that we have done. Now let's silently reflect on and confess those specific sins that are lying on our hearts and minds...

(We observe silence as we reflect on those specific sins or burdens that are on our hearts today and for which we want to ask our Savior's forgiveness.)

Pastor: Most merciful God...

People: **We admit that it's not in our nature to love and serve You and others. We admit that we have not only failed ourselves but You! We've sinned against You in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. What we should have done we didn't do, but the things we shouldn't have done, those are the things we have done. We have not loved You with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Because of this we deserve your present and eternal punishment, but for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we find joy in walking in your will and in your paths. Amen.**

Pastor: In God's great love for you, Jesus Christ was given in exchange for your sins and for this reason God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ it is with the greatest of joy that I'm glad to tell you, that in the name of Jesus, *all* your sins are forgiven.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

(Please be seated)

1 Samuel 17.4-9, 32-37a

This passage forms the foundation for today's message

Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield. Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. "Why are you all coming out to fight?" he called. "I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves!"

... "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!" "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth." But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. I have done this

to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the LORD be with you!"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-16

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith. It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—"he disappeared, because God took him." For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God. And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.

It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise. And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them. All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. Obviously people who say such things are looking forward to a country they can call their own. If they had longed for the country they came from, they

could have gone back. But they were looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

(Please stand)

Luke 12:22–34

Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear. For life is more than food, and your body more than clothing. Look at the ravens. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds! Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And if worry can’t accomplish a little thing like that, what’s the use of worrying over bigger things? “Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? “And don’t be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don’t worry about such things. These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need. “So don’t be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom. “Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

(Please be seated)

“Have No Fear, Little Flock” LSB 735, All Stanzas

TODAY’S MESSAGE

Heroes of the Faith - David- Facing Down Your Giants

(Use the Sermon Notes and your Bible or Bible app. to follow along)

THE NICENE CREED

(Please stand)

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

I BELIEVE in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE OFFERING

(If giving an offering this morning, you can place them in the offering plate located on the table just outside the worship area)

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

* THE LORD'S SUPPER *

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE BENEDICTION

(Please stand)

THE CLOSING HYMN

“*The Church's One Foundation*” LSB 644, Stanzas 1-2,5

THE SENDING

The Pastor will conclude the service by saying ...

Pastor: Now, go in peace!

People: And serve the Lord!

POSTLUDE