OUR ADVANTAGE

Crushing The Giant, Part 6

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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,

1 Samuel 17:45-47

In this world <u>you will have trouble</u>. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

- Q. What is "coming against you" right now in this season of your life?
- A. You have the advantage!
- 1. Your Advantage is only as great as your

How do I increase my awareness of my advantage?

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You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. Psalm 23:5

So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him. David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran. Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath and to the gates of Ekron. Their dead were strewn along the Shaaraim road to Gath and Ekron. When the Israelites returned from chasing the Philistines, they plundered their camp.

David took the Philistine's head and brought it to Jerusalem; he put the Philistine's weapons in his own tent. As Saul watched David going out to meet the Philistine, he said to Abner, commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is that young man?" Abner replied, "As surely as you live, Your Majesty, I don't know." The king said, "Find out whose son this young man is."

As soon as David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with David still holding the Philistine's head.

1 Samuel 17:50-57

2. Stop surviving what God has called you to

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1 Samuel 17:55

3. The very thing that was meant to destroy you may be the thing that God uses to _____ you.

David asked Ahimelek, "Don't you have a spear or a sword here? I haven't brought my sword or any other weapon, because the king's mission was urgent."

The priest replied, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the Valley of Elah, is here; it is wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you want it, take it; there is no sword here but that one."

David said, "<u>There is none like it; give it to me</u>." 1 Samuel 21:8-9