I. Application of the David and Goliath Story: I Samuel 17

A. Jim Elliot, martyred missionary of a generation ago, recorded these words in his personal journal:

“We are so utterly ordinary, so commonplace, while we profess to know a Power the Twentieth Century does not reckon with. But we are ‘harmless’ and therefore unharmed. We are spiritual pacifists, non-militants, conscientious objectors in this battle-to-the-death with principalities and powers in high places. Meekness must be had for contact with men, but brass, outspoken boldness is required to take part in the comradeship of the Cross. We are ‘sideliners’ – coaching and criticizing the real wrestlers while content to sit by and leave the enemies of God unchallenged. The world cannot hate us; we are too much like its own. Oh, that God would make us dangerous!”

B. “Most men like a good fight. They resonate with ‘the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.’ Men love movies like *Saving Private Ryan* and *Braveheart*. They watch Spike TV and ESPN. Men tell stories of past exploits and become legends in their own minds! Every man has a Goliath. Every man faces his giant. Every man can be dismayed by what he sees in the Valley of Elah.”

--- J. P. Jones, Pastor (friend of the Warrick Family)

C. Bottom Line: The Battle is the Lord’s: I Samuel 17:47

D. Formula for Courage: Fear + Faith (informed faith in the qualities and character of God) = Courage

E. The World According to the Word Lesson: There will be Wars and Rumors of Wars Until the Final Battle

1. Application of Faith and Action: I Samuel 17:47

II. Saul’s Response to David’s Success: Jealousy

A. The Emotional World According to the Word

1. Repetition indicates Biblical Principle

a. Cain’s Response to Abel’s Success

III. Jonathan’s Response to David’s Success: Fellowship

A. After David “finished” talking (I Samuel 18:1)

1. Evangelism 101: Witnessing vs. Persuading

a. Walking in Step with the Holy Spirit

B. Fellowship’s Covenant

(Continued on Reverse Side)

C. The Emotional World According to the Word: Our Lesson

1. Love Reapplied

IV. Peace (Relational) is not Always Possible

A. The Spiritual Battle Present in Relationship Struggles

B. Spiritual Military Training is more than what they teach at West Point or Annapolis

1. How does This Apply to Relationship Struggles?

C. The World (Militarily) According to the Word: Our Lesson

1. We all need to bear arms and wear armor: Ephesians 6:10-20

**Onward Christian Soldiers**

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| **1.** Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  With the cross of Jesus going on before.  Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;  Forward into battle see His banners go!  **2.** At the sign of triumph Satan’s host doth flee;  On then, Christian soldiers, on to victory!  Hell’s foundations quiver at the shout of praise;  Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise.  **3**. Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;  Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.  We are not divided, all one body we,  One in hope and doctrine, one in charity. | **4.** Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,  But the Church of Jesus constant will remain.  Gates of hell can never ‘gainst that church prevail;  We have Christ’s own promise, and that cannot fail.  **5.** Onward then, ye people, join our happy throng,  Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.  Glory, laud and honor unto Christ the King,  This through countless ages men and angels sing.  **Refrain:**  Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  With the cross of Jesus going on before. |