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## Hope For The Underdog

1 Samuel 17:20-50 | Eph. 6:12

### CHOOSE FAITH OVER FEAR

1 Samuel 17:20-21

- Without God on our side, there is no **HOPE** of a favorable outcome.
- David finds himself in a position way above his **PAYGRADE**

### WE ARE RARELY PREPARED FOR THE FIGHT

- Decide: Do we **ACCEPT DEFEAT** or do we **TRUST** God to give us strength?
- The whole Israelite army was **PARALYZED** with **FEAR**

### IF GOD IS FOR US, NOTHING CAN STAND AGAINST US

1 Samuel 17:40-47

- Hope is a derivative of **TRUST**
- David's **CONFIDENCE** comes from God's **FAITHFULNESS**

### THIS IS HOW WE FIGHT OUR BATTLES

Ephesians 6:12 | 1 Samuel 17:51-52

- When we realize battles are fought in the **SPIRIT**, we see God fighting for us
- Battles in the **SPIRITUAL** world can't be won by physical means

### HOPE IS CONTAGIOUS

- David's hope in God spreads like **WILDFIRE**
- Something happens within a faith family when **ONE** person believes in God for great things
- It takes one person. That person could be **YOU**

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

## Life Group Questions

- 1) In the scripture story today, we see how interacting with broken people around us says a lot about our relationship with Jesus. Discuss areas or people that are difficult for you and discuss ways to extend forgiveness to them.
- 2) We often hear "Jesus loves me just as he finds me, but He loves me too much to leave me there." Share areas of your life that He is working on with you right now.
- 3) Sometimes we think that 'my' sin only affects me. Is this true? Discuss the collateral damage that is present even in our 'secret' sins.

## On Your Own

There were times when Jesus exposed secret sins and healings to everyone around and times when He quietly healed and said to keep quiet. He exposes in many cases, not the sin, but the faith of those he healed. He wants faith to be visible so those who carry secret shame (all of us) might have hope! Study these verses on healing, forgiveness and faith this week.

Luke 8:43-48

Mark 7:31-37

Proverbs 28:13

Psalm 147:3

Hebrews 11:6

1 Cor. 13:13

1 Peter 3:15

Eph. 4:32

**“Why am I discouraged? Why am I restless? I trust you, LORD! And I will praise you again because you help me, and you are my God.” Psalm 42:11 CEV**

Hope is Here!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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