THE RIGHT KIND OF COURAGE

1 Samuel 17:32-50

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SAUL'S COURAGE WAS

"When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid." 1 Samuel 17:11

"All the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were much afraid." 1 Samuel 17:24



2. GOLIATH'S COURAGE WAS
"And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵ He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. ⁶ And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him." 1 Samuel 17:4-7
3. DAVID'S COURAGE WAS
Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand."
1 Samuel 17:45-47

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