

Remember
171st Church Anniversary
Sermon Outline
July 22, 2018

Text – I Samuel 17: 34-37

Reading Schedule:

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>7/22</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 22; I Samuel 16: 1-23</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>7/23</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 23; I Samuel 17: 1-24</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>7/24</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 24; I Samuel 17: 25-58</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>7/25</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 25; Exodus 12: 1-30</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>7/26</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 26; Joshua 4: 1-24</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>7/27</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 27; Luke 22: 1-23</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>7/28</i>	<i>Proverbs Ch. 28; Romans 8: 18-39</i>

Read: I Samuel 17:

I Samuel 17: 34-37 – *But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion^(AL) or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized^(AL) it by its hair, struck it and killed it.³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion^(AK) and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The Lord who rescued^(AL) me from the paw of the lion^(AM) and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”*

Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with^(AN) you.”

Anniversaries are celebrated to remember! Remember our ancestors. Remember how we began. Remember our past successes

God has always used God’s successes of the past to empower God's people for the challenges of tomorrow.

- a. **Exodus 12: 14** – celebrating the Passover to commemorate God’s deliverance of God’s people from over 400 years of bondage in Egypt.
- b. **Joshua 4: 6-7 – 12** stones at the crossing of the Jordan in to the promised land after defeating the people on the east side of the Jordan. Stones of Remembrance. Provide handles for God’s people to grab hold of God's Vision; to communicate future vision and past victories, because God’s people need to be constantly reminded of both.
- c. **Luke 22: 19** – Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples and told them to “Do this in remembrance of me.” Getting them ready for the challenges of kingdom building.

(Tell the background story)

Why is it that David could face the giant when all the experienced warriors, including his older brothers, couldn’t?

David remembered!

- a. **REMEMBER** – to have or keep an image or idea in your mind of something or someone
 - a. to think of something or someone again
 - b. to cause something to come back into your mind
 - c. to keep information in your mind
 - d. to not forget something
- b. David remembered God's presence with him when David killed the lion and the bear. He knew God would also be with him against the giant, Goliath.

- c. So many of you hear today are facing giants.
 - a. Challenges in your life, your business, your marriage, people you're dealing with, circumstances on your job, mistakes you've made.
 - b. Giants!
 - c. Another definition for remember is

BUT GOD!

- d. Remember God's victories in your life so you can face your current and future challenges.
- d. **Principle - Remember:** We always win in the fight of life not because of our love for God, but because of God's love for us!
 - a. **I Samuel 17: 45-47** – *David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin,^(AV) but I come against you in the name^(AW) of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.^(AX) ...⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword^(BC) or spear that the Lord saves;^(BD) for the battle^(BE) is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.”*
 - b. **Romans 8:37** -...we are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us.
 1. You are God's beloved!
 2. Nothing could be greater than God's love for you!
 3. God causes you to triumph because you cannot be defeated when you know that you are God's beloved.

e. **Principle - Remember:** "It's an asset to know that you need God"

a. **I Samuel 17: 6-11** – *When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab^(L) and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord." 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance,^(M) but the Lord looks at the heart."^(N) 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab^(O) and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." 9 Jesse then had Shammah^(P) pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." 11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all^(Q) the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."^(R)*

b. God has not chosen the mighty, the rich, or the powerful. God has chosen the weak things of the world – the things that are despised.

1. The people that make a difference are those who don't have a lot, because they are turning to God and seeking Him; therefore, God can speak to them.
2. God still speaks to the mighty and the talented, but the vaster majority of the them don't listen because they aren't as dependent on God.

c. Use example of India and the miracles we see there because the people know they need God because for so many of them there is so little else to depend on!

f. **Principle – Remember:** God put you in the position you're in to fulfill God's plan and purpose.

a. We can sometimes believe we're in the wrong position thinking we need to be elevated or promoted now!

- b. After being anointed by Samuel, David served as one of Saul's armor bearers and played the harp whenever Saul's had the evil spirit come upon him.
- c. David was placed in the presence of a king to learn to be the king.
- d. God placed you where you are to prepare you for the role you're in today.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

REMEMBER!

For God so loved the world....