

LIFE APPLICATION

THEME: FAITH PART 1 – CLEAR VISION

PASSAGE: 1 SAMUEL 17

LAUNCH

What are the main Goliath-like or fear-inducing factors about this COVID crisis? How have these fears affected you over the last year?

Can you think of a time in your life when you had a narrow escape? How might God have been involved in your rescue?

In his sermon, Dave suggested that faith could simply be described as clear vision. What did he mean by this and do you agree or disagree?

DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING

How would you describe the attitude of Goliath in this passage? In what way does his approach mimic that of Satan? What is the intended effect?

How would you describe the attitude of David? What aspects from his past made him like this? How can we go about replicating these aspects in our own lives?

What was the attitude of Saul and the Israelites? Have you shown similar behaviour over the past year as a response to COVID? How can we guard ourselves against this type of paralysing fear?

What was the attitude of the eldest brother towards David? What was his intention? How do you think he felt after David killed Goliath? How can we guard ourselves from being discouraging brothers & sisters to one other?

Dave talked about faith being clear vision in three key areas: the situation, his God and himself.

What did David see about the situation that the others missed? What should we be seeing about this 'not so brave new world' that we find ourselves in? What God given opportunities might there be?

What aspects of God's character did David endorse or remind those around him about? How do we go about reminding ourselves who God truly is?

David also had clear vision that he could be useful to God because God had prepared him for this very day. How had God prepared him? How might God have prepared you for this season of COVID?

APPLICATION & REFLECTION

David started the day as a menial delivery boy doing the simple things well and ended up slaying a giant. What small things can we do well as a means of beginning the far bigger battle of advancing the kingdom of God?