Session 08 | **KEY TEXT**: 1 Samuel 17:3-11; 17:45-51

FACING THE GIANT

CENTRAL TRUTH

This week, we're going to look at the real victor in the one-on-one showoff: God. David himself pointed to God, the true Hero, every chance he got. David's courage to stand up to Goliath will remind us that **courage and victory are found in God, the true Hero.**

KEY QUESTION

What does this passage reveal about fearful situations?

You may notice there is no mention of God in verses 3-11. Nobody points to praying, seeking God, or inviting the Lord to guide them. Nope; all eyes are on Goliath, and all hearts turn to mush. That's exactly what happens to us, too, when we look at our enemies. However, we must remember that God is with us and for us—even when we're scared or fearful.

KEEP IN MIND

- The Philistines had a long pre-existing history with the Israelites. We find this people group mentioned as early as Genesis. Using the History Note in this session, provide students with a bit more context to better understand the conflict in this week's passage.
- If we're not careful, we can read ourselves into the story and make this account about our victory over circumstances. We mustn't forget, however, that this account points to Jesus's ultimate victory over a much greater Goliath—sin, death, and evil. While God empowers us to be courageous, we must remember that God is the true Hero whom we're called to trust.

APPLICATION

- **How can you depend on God to give you the strength to endure a difficult situation this week?**

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: We haven't been left to our own devices to deal with life's difficulties. God is the true Hero and He has secured the ultimate victory for us through Jesus Christ.

FOR THE LEADER: Recount a time when you were afraid and ran to the Lord for comfort and courage. Share with students what this experience taught you.

7 ARROWS

- What does this passage say?
- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?