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Episode 8 - Villains Who Shape Us

"If you are facing your enemies, that means you're going in the right direction."

Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them. 1 Samuel 17:2-3

1. Nobody wanted to go down in the valley where the villain and the victory was. What are some things that keep us from facing our villains even though victory awaits us?
2. Read the whole story in 1 Samuel 17:1-58. It takes seven minutes. What qualities of David's can you discover that made him the man of the hour? What experiences prepared him for facing this villain?
3. Which of these qualities do you see in yourself? Which do you need to develop more?
4. In verse 37 we read: "The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." What is the significance of including the LORD in his assessment of the animal attacks?
5. In what ways did David see this fight as both a physical and spiritual fight? How does this correspond with 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 and Ephesians 6:12?
6. What villain must you face right now? Write a statement of truth to your villain. As David shouted to the giant, shout in writing the truth you discover that will topple your giant. Use the Scriptures above and the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:13-18) to hurl your spiritual stones and win the victory. Keep your statement close to you because....

...Our Enemy is a schemer—always be prepared to use the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:17).