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#### Psalm 85:10

<sup>10</sup> Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

God's faithfulness is an attribute of His love.

#### Psalm 117:2

<sup>2</sup> For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD.

God wants us to know He is faithful.

### Exodus 34:6

<sup>6</sup> And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness

### **Psalm 36:5**

<sup>5</sup> Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

### Psalm 40:11

<sup>11</sup> Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

### Psalm 86:15

<sup>15</sup> But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

God wants us to <u>remember</u> His faithfulness.

God wants us to <u>rely</u> on His love and faithfulness.

Does God's love and faithfulness factor into your reactions to setbacks? Does God's love and faithfulness factor into your decision making?

Relying on God's love and faithfulness mean we stand on them.

### Psalm 26:3

<sup>3</sup> for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.

The Israelite army chose to react in fear.



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### 1 Samuel 17:26

<sup>26</sup> David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

David was zealous to defend the Lord's name.

#### 1 Samuel 17:32-37

<sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

<sup>33</sup> Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

<sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. <sup>37</sup> 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."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

God's faithfulness gave David his courage.

God was faithful before, He'll be faithful again!

David believed God would protect him in this battle.

#### 1 Samuel 17:40

<sup>40</sup> Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

#### 1 Samuel 17:45-51

<sup>45</sup> David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup> All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands." <sup>48</sup> As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.

- <sup>49</sup> Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.
- <sup>50</sup> So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.



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<sup>51</sup> David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.

David ran to the battle, while others hid in fear.

Remembering God's love and faithfulness takes us from the ordinary to the extraordinary.

Fear caused the Israelite army to operate in the <u>natural</u>.

David operated in the supernatural because he did not give in to fear.

Courage is not the <u>lack of fear</u> - courage is choosing to not be <u>controlled by fear</u>.

"Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared"

Eddie Rickenbacker

"Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway."

John Wayne

### God created us to be giant slayers!




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