

Cell Group Bible Study
INLAND CHURCH

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Something we must see with our eyes

Praise with Joy : Hymn 352 "Stand up, stand up for Jesus" / Temptation of the world

Bible Verse : 1 Samuel 17 : 41-58

Focusing on Words : It is a story about David fighting and winning against Goliath. When Goliath kept coming closer to David, he despised and cursed young David by his gods. Then, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet Goliath. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, David slung it and struck Goliath on the forehead. The stone sank into Goliath's forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran. Then the men of Israel and Judah had a great victory surging forward and pursuing the running Philistines. Goliath despised and cursed young David by his gods because he only saw what he could see with his eyes. However, David saw that the invisible hand was holding him. We can see a person protecting and safeguarding us when we open our eyes of faith.

Understanding the background : David already became one of Saul's armor-bearers and played the harp for Saul several times. For all of these Saul sent messengers twice to Jesse. But, in the text Saul asked David whose son he was. And then David answered he was the son of Saul's servant Jesse of Bethlehem as if Saul didn't know David's father. Goliath only cared for things he could see, and Saul still didn't believe in God even though he saw that invisible God was helping him through David. Our battle is not about the blood and flesh, but the spiritual fight against the rulers of darkness and the evil spirit. We will certainly win this battle because God works with the invisible hand.

Sharing the Words

1. Observing & Contemplating : Read 1 Samuel 17 : 41-43, 55-58

- 1) What did Goliath, the Philistine do when he saw David was coming to fight?(verse 41)
- 2) What did Goliath say to David? (verse 43)
- 3) Just like Goliath, Saul thought of David the same way. What did Saul say about David? (verse 33)
- 4) Saul was curious about a boy, David. What did he ask David? (verse 55, 56, & 58)

Applying & Sharing

- 1) How do you feel when someone judges you according to your looks, money, and occupation?
Or do you judge someone according to his looks, as well?

2. Observing & Contemplating : Read 1 Samuel 17 : 45-50

- 1) In the name of whom did David say to Goliath? (verse 45)
- 2) What was the reason that David had the courage? (verse 34-35)
- 3) What did the people surrounding David say about him? (1 Samuel 16 : 18)
- 4) What kind of tool did David use to strike down and kill Goliath? (verse 48-50)

Applying & Sharing

- 1) Some trivial things such as a sling and a stone can be tools to accomplish a marblous work if they are used by God's invisible hand. What is a sling in your hand? How is God using that tool which looks insignificant and trivial?

Conclusion : When we open our eyes of faith, we can see a person. God is holding, leading, and protecting us with his righteous hand. We are living not only with things we can see, but also with God's good hand that we can not see but helps us. Let's read Hebrews 11 : 1-3 together.

Prayer reflecting the Words

1. Let us open our eyes, ears, and heart to see God's good hand, praise, and pray.
2. Let my sling be in control of God's hand when I fulfill my mission at my family, work and church.
3. Let my family members and cell group members be healthy and follow only God's path.