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Inspiring Faith – Life Lessons from a Shepherd, Warrior, Poet, and King (I Samuel 16-17)

Life lessons are learned from many different people and situations. For the next three weeks we will consider some life lessons from a guy who was a shepherd, a warrior, a poet, and a king. We are still blessed by his poems and songs even to this day. We're speaking, of course, about David.

David was a man of incredible faith, a man who had immense failure, and one who experienced incredible forgiveness. In looking at the life of David, we see some things clearly worth imitating, and some things to strive to avoid at all costs. Tonight, let's reflect on David's inspiring faith.

1. When Samuel was sent to Jesse's family to anoint a new king he thought that Eliab (the firstborn) was the one to be chosen. But God said that was not the case. What did God tell Samuel in I Samuel 16:7? How might a person be affected if they truly believed the truth in this verse? How might this verse impact our interactions with others? How can we help instill the truth in this verse into our children?
2. How is David described in I Samuel 16:18? Compare this verse to I Samuel 17:33. What is meant by the word "boy" in 17:33?
3. Discuss the size of Goliath, the weight of his armor, etc.
4. Despite Saul trying to talk David out of fighting Goliath, David's inspiring faith is seen in I Samuel 17:34-37. Here we see David's faith clearly verbalized. What did David recount about God's working in his life?
5. Was David concerned for his personal safety or something else?
6. What was David's response to the angry, cursing, warrior giant in 17:45-47? How does his statement reflect faith?
7. How have you seen God's faithfulness and deliverance in your life in the past?
8. What is a "take away" for you from tonight's study?