



*Passionately Following Jesus Together*

## DECLARATIONS - WEEK 1 (THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S)

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### STARTING THE CONVERSATION

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**When was a time when you were overwhelmed by an obstacle that was bigger or stronger than you?**

We all face battles in varying degrees. For some, perhaps those whose bodies face sickness or who live among war, these battles are literally matters of life and death. For others of us, however, our battles aren't quite so dire. Whatever the case, we will all face our own uphill battles, and each of us will need help with the climb. Thanks be to God, for leading us through each and every battle to an ultimate victory in Christ, a victory that will be made complete and secure upon His return.

**Read 1 Samuel 17:1-51**

### DIGGING DEEPER

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**Unpack the Biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic and how the truths from the Bible apply to our lives.**

1. Is there a battle in your life right now that is causing you to feel overwhelmed and outnumbered? What is it?
2. What is the first thing that stands out to you about Goliath? How did the Israelites respond to Goliath's intimidation?
3. Why do you think David was willing to face Goliath when none of the Israelite soldiers were?
4. When he walked out in front of Goliath, David never wavered in his faith. He fully believed his spiritual weapons were greater than the physical ones of his enemies. How would having that kind of faith change your approach to life?
5. How had fear of Goliath spread throughout the people of Israel? How have you seen fear spread to others in your life?
6. How does David's attitude compare with Saul's? Is your attitude toward the challenges in your life more like Saul's or David's? How does this attitude need to change?

## LIVING IT OUT

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1. What can you do to encourage others who are facing life-altering challenges to take courage in God's strength for their fight?
2. Consider a battle you're currently facing. What larger missionary purpose might be accomplished for God if you would look to Him for strength?