

1 Samuel 17:4–11-ESV

1Sa 17:4 And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

1Sa 17:5 He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.

1Sa 17:6 And he had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders.

1Sa 17:7 The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron. And his shield-bearer went before him.

1Sa 17:8 He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves and let him come down to me.

1Sa 17:9 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us."

1Sa 17:10 And the Philistine said, "I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together."

1Sa 17:11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

Deuteronomy 31:6-Message Bible

"Be strong. Take courage. Don't be intimidated. Don't give them a second thought because GOD, your God, is striding ahead of you. He's right there with you. He won't let you down; he won't leave you."

Psalms 27:3-ESV

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

Psalms 143:5-NLT

I remember the days of old. I ponder all Your great works and think about what You have done.

1. To prepare for revival, we need ...people who remember Who is in charge.

Psalms 93:1-Passion

Regal power surrounds him as he sits securely on his throne. He's in charge of it all, the entire world, and he knows what he's doing!

The army ran from the enemy (17:24).

17:24...All the men of Israel, *when they saw the man*, fled from him and were much afraid.

The church is the chosen people of God, the body of Christ.

1 Peter 2:9-Passion says

...But you are God's chosen treasure—priests who are kings, a spiritual "nation" set apart as God's devoted ones.

Hebrews 6:19 – Passion

We have this *certain hope* like a strong, unbreakable anchor holding our souls to God himself.

David remembered the Lord (17:26).

17:26 - For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

2. To prepare for revival, we need ... people who will not allow themselves to be discouraged by others.

David's family tried to discourage him (17:28).

17:28-Now Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke to the men. And Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle."

Even the King tried to discourage him (17:33).

17:33 - And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth."

David's courage was from God (v. 34–37).

17:37 ... And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

3. To prepare for revival, we need ... people who will cast off everything that might hold them back.

Saul tried to weigh David down (v. 38).

17:38 - Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. “I can hardly move!” he exclaimed, and took them off again.

Hebrews 12:1- LB

...let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, and especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up...

4. To prepare for revival, we need ... people who will go out in the name of the Lord.

Luke 10:3 TLV

“Go forth! Look, I am sending you as lambs in the midst of wolves.

The enemy mocked David (v. 41–44).

17:42-43... And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

David proclaimed the Lord and defeated the enemy (v. 45–50).

17:45 - Then David said to the Philistine, "*You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.*

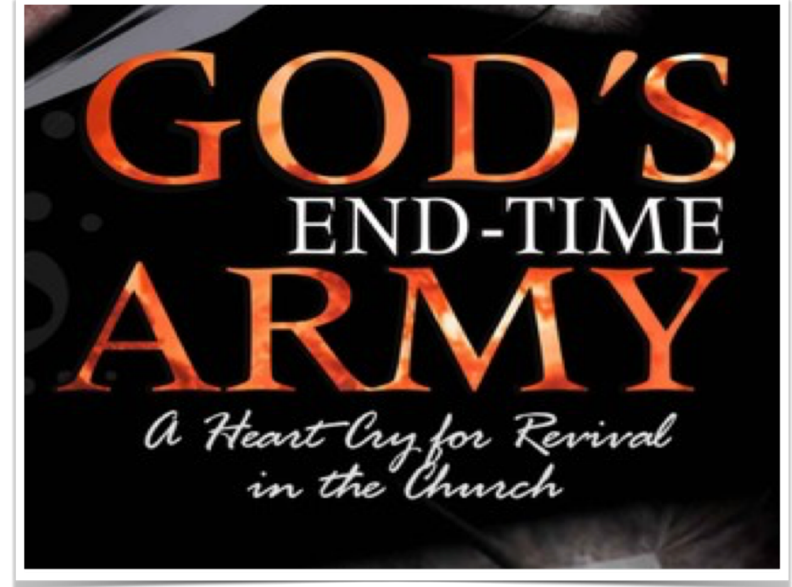
17:46-47

46...that *all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,*

47 and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand."

David's victory revived the army (v. 51b–52).

17:51-52 - When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. And the men of Israel and Judah rose with a shout and pursued the Philistines...



A REVIVAL FOR GOD'S ARMY.

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