

Trinity Bible Project Week 16

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David & Goliath

Several years ago, Bethany and I visited the Elah Valley, the site where David fought Goliath. Standing in that field reminded me of the obnoxious voice that David heard that day. Goliath, this 9 ft. tall giant of a man, is a champion fighter. His coat of armor weighs over 100 lbs. His spearhead weighs 14.5 pounds. This is a big dude. And he has a bigger mouth. When he sees that David is Israel's guy to fight, Goliath curses him and promises that he's going to make him into bird food. Even though David hears the voice of Goliath, he chooses to listen to another voice for David says, “*I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel. . .for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand*” (vs. 45, 47). The truth is David is no match for Goliath. He's not as big or as tall. He isn't trained to be a champion fighter. He doesn't even wear a suit of armor! But David has the FAITH to believe that God is with him and that God will give him the victory. David knows that he has the Living God on his side. And so do you! When I was in college, Casting Crowns wrote a song called, “The Voice of Truth.” The chorus says, “*The voice of truth tells me a different story. The voice of truth says, "Do not be afraid!" The voice of truth says, "This is for My glory." Out of all the voices calling out to me, I will choose to listen and believe the voice of truth.*” The voice of truth speaks to us in His Word. Will you choose to listen and believe His voice today?

Getting Started (10 min/week): Have you ever noticed how many negative voices David encounters in this story? His brother (vs. 28), Saul (vs. 33), and Goliath (vs. 43-44) We may not look up to see a 9 ft. tall champion fighter wanting to pulverize us, but we do encounter voices that can discourage and frighten us. What voices do we hear in the world? What if David only listened to Goliath's voice? What would've happened to him in this story?

Growing Deeper (10 min/day): Check out Questions 156-168 in the Catechism to see the work of the Holy Spirit in our faith. Read how the voice of truth tells Peter to step out of the boat in Matthew 14:22-33. Also check out the full Casting Crowns song, “Voice of Truth” here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kZ1dizcm30>

Leading Well In your small group, discuss the following: In the battles that we face (physically, mentally, spiritually), how can the voice of truth help you? How would you define “Faith?” (Check out Hebrews 11 and some of the members of “The Hall of Faith.” And whose name do you see in vs. 32?) How can you help and encourage each other today in the midst of the battles we find ourselves in?

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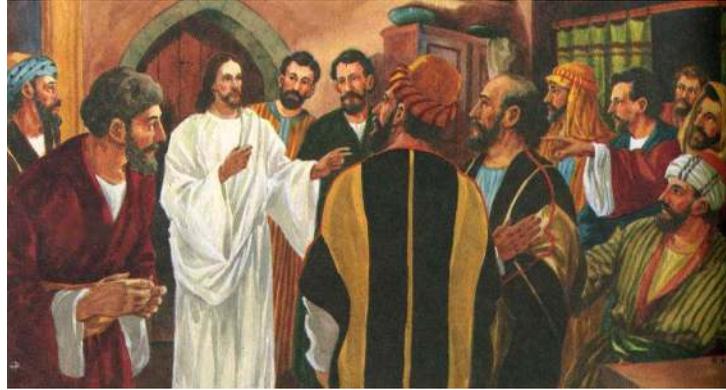
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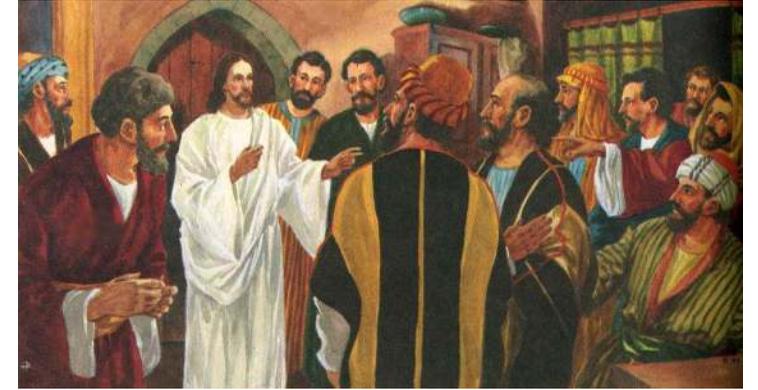
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Call to Action: Are You Bringing Peace Wherever You Go?

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