

HOPE IN THE DELIVERER

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The Passage

1 Samuel 17:1-37

Questions

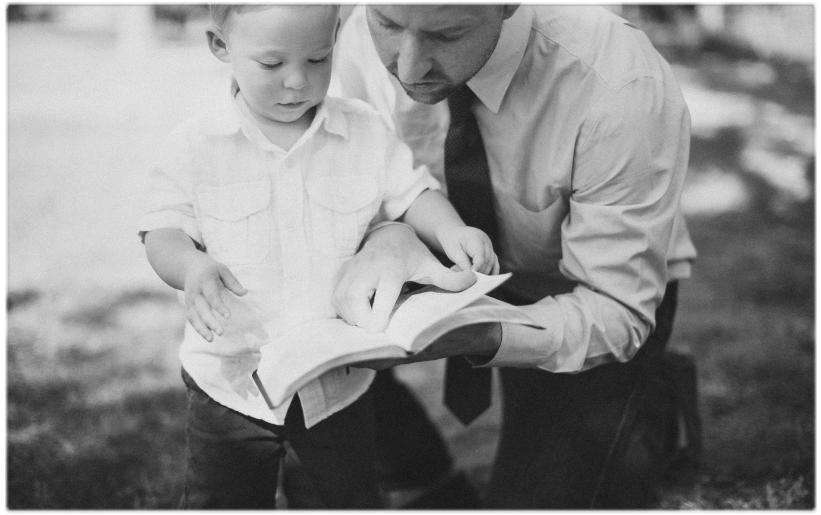
What is the biggest struggle or hardest thing you have ever faced?

What is the difference between David and Saul's attitude toward the conflict with Goliath?

Where can our family focus on hope and confidence in God in our daily lives?

Prayer

God... We love you so much. We confess that often we struggle to remember that you are a God who constantly delivers. Thank You for walking to the cross to deliver us once and for all. Help our family to learn to place our hope in You and believe in Your deliverance.



The Story

Has there ever been a moment where you are so scared because something you are facing feels too big to handle? For the nation of Israel, one of those moments is found in 1 Samuel 17. Squaring off in battle against a people who have dominated the people of God for decades, the Israelite army can feel that lump rise in their throats as they see a massive figure step to the front of the Philistine line. Goliath towered over the battlefield. In a time where most men were under 5'6", his 9' frame was a seemingly insurmountable obstacle to the future of Israel. The army was terrified... not just for themselves but because a defeat meant more abuse of family and friends. And there was nothing they could do... Into this struggle, steps a teenager. This was not some high school phenom, ready to step up and take his place in the record books. This was a shepherd boy whose only job was to drop off some groceries for his brothers. But when he hears Goliath taunt the Israelites, something stirs inside of him, "No one speaks like that about my God." Armed with a hope and a belief in the power of his God, this young boy saves his nation.. David believed in a God who delivers. He had seen God deliver him when he was alone on the mountainside, facing a lion who wanted nothing more than to destroy him. Those quiet, tense moments in the wilderness had given David a confidence that his God could and would deliver him. Today, you and I serve that same God...a God who delivers and is worthy of our hope.