

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Are you afraid of sharks?

2. Are there any sharks in your life that you fear?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

3. Read 1 Samuel 17:1-11.
 - a. Why didn't the Israelites fight this giant?

 - b. What about Goliath made him scary?

 - c. What do the Israelites fear?

 - d. Have you ever been paralyzed by fear?

 - e. How can fear impact our reality?

 - f. How does fear affect our thinking, our choices?

 - g. Please compare with 2 Timothy 1:7. What does this verse tell us?

4. Malcolm Gladwell said, "You can't concentrate on doing if you are thinking, 'What's going to happen if it doesn't go right?'" How is this statement true or untrue?

5. Read 1 Samuel 17:26-37.
 - a. Talk about David's confidence. What makes David so confident?

- b. Compare with this quote from Pastor Ruben, "When God has delivered you from the bear, you don't fear the shark. Experiencing God in the private moments of your life will produce public moments of great courage."
 - c. Please keep reading...1 Samuel 17:38-47.
6. Read Psalm 118:6. In what ways do we fear people?
7. Read 1 Samuel 17:48-51.
 - a. Do you think Goliath expected this kind of fight?
 - b. Was King Saul expecting David to wear armor or fight with a slingshot?
 - c. Compare this verse with Psalm 34:4.

Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Don't let sharks keep you out of the water.
- Sharks lose their teeth when God is with you.
- When God has delivered you from the bear, you don't fear the shark. Experiencing God in the private moments of your life will produce public moments of great courage.