

DO YOU HAVE A REASON FOR BEING HERE?

NEW SERIES QUESTION: Why me?

NEW SERIES THEME: To discover, understand, and be confident in our God-given purpose for life

TODAY'S THEME: My God-given purpose for being here is to do my _____, speak the _____, and face my _____

TODAY'S TEXT: I Samuel 17

▶ The heart of this story is about David's victory as the _____ kid who didn't _____ on the battlefield.

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▶ As a person, and especially as a follower, of Jesus we need to know and understand our purpose in this life.

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Key verse: "Now what have I done?" said David, 'Can't I even speak?' – v.29
> David is responding to the question of his _____ and reason for being there.

TODAY'S QUESTION: Do you have a reason for being here?

I. YES! I AM HERE TO DELIVER THE _____!

A. THERE IS A JOB TO BE DONE

- ▶ David is the only one who is getting his job done!
 - > Saul and the army are not getting their job done.
 - > They were failing to live up to their _____.
 - > The secular power of the day had totally paralyzed them.
 - > Israel's very existence was in question.

▶ The _____ of the Church is constantly being challenged.

Question → As God's people do we have a purpose or reason to exist? What is our purpose? Are we getting our job done?

B. ARE YOU DOING YOUR JOB?

Today's Question → Do you have a reason for being here?

- ▶ David's purpose and reason _____ with doing his job.
 - > By simply doing his job well he was fulfilling his purpose.

Question → What is your job? What is it that you do every day?

My job is _____.

- ▶ David's job seemed ordinary and _____ but the way he did it honoured God and enlarged his faith.

I serve God's purpose on my job by _____

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II. YES! I AM HERE TO SPEAK THE _____!

A. THERE IS A TRUTH TO BE SPOKEN

> Israel was listening to the _____ message.

Question → Have we been listening to the wrong messages? Are we intimidated by the loud voices of our world?

> Israel had lost their _____.

▶ David's innocent question challenged the very purpose of Israel's existence! • v. 26b

> He embarrassed his brothers.

• v.28

> His _____ were questioned.

> His person and _____ were attacked.

Question → Have we lost our voice? Have we no reason to speak? Do we have no answer to those who defy the Word of God?

B. DO YOU KNOW AND SPEAK THE TRUTH?

▶ When David began to speak the truth everything started to change!

A negative message I need to challenge is _____

I will not be intimidated when _____

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Take turns reading I Samuel 17 out loud.

TODAY'S QUESTION: Do you have a reason for being here?

III. YES! I AM HERE TO FACE THE GIANT!

A. THERE WILL _____ BE GIANTS TO FACE

> Israel was facing a giant.

- Their enemy seemed bigger and better.

▶ Israel had given up even _____ the battle began.

> They had chosen to live in defeat!

▶ Our world is filled with loud, intimidating voices.

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- The Church seems so _____ and ill-equipped.

Question → Have we given up the battle even before it has begun?

Do we have no purpose or reason to face the giants of our day?

B. ARE YOU READY TO FACE YOUR GIANTS?

My giant today is _____.

▶ David's God was bigger than his giant!

• vv.45-47

▶ The battle doesn't go to those with the biggest voices or the best technology.

> The battle is won by the one who trusts in the Almighty God who has _____ won the battle!

My reason for being here is to declare in the Name of Jesus that my God is greater than my giant of _____.

CONCLUDING NOTE: Goliath was already a doomed and defeated giant!

(David and Goliath by Malcom Gladwell)

> All David had to do was deliver the _____, speak the _____, and face the _____!

TODAY'S QUESTION: What is your reason for being here?

Opening: Describe a time or situation where you felt like you were not welcome. Where and when do you feel intimidated and like you do not belong or have nothing to say?

How would you complete the following statement?

My God-given purpose is _____

• **David arrived at the battle because he was doing his job.**

> What was David's job? What is your job?

My job is

• **David's words challenged the negative messages.**

> Some of the negative messages that I need to challenge are

• **David's personal testimony changed the battle. vv.34-37**

> I have a testimony and I need to speak it to _____

• **David confronted the giant. v.45-47**

> A giant I need to confront is _____

• **David got ready and then ran to meet the giant. v.40, 48, 49**

Close by praying for each other as you get ready to go and do your jobs, speak the truth, and face your giants.