

Remember your victories

Outline of story prior to these verses.

1 Samuel 17:32 –

David made a commitment to fight someone who others refused to fight.

Saul said, **'You're only a boy'**.

Have you ever had that said to you?

You've only have limited experience. You haven't done this before. What you are facing is bigger than you are! That thing is going to eat you up for breakfast. You don't know what needs to be done. You are just driven by passion.

Have you ever noticed when you try to do something new, the level of opposition increases? Its like the enemy does not want you to move on into the new thing of your world.

Believe it or not that opposition often comes from those closest to you.

Israel had to move past Goliath to have peace. But no one was willing to fight him.

They all looked at what he was. Strong, tall – over nine feet tall, a fighter for a long time. His armour was made of bronze. That's like today having bullet proof vest on, able to leap tall building at a single bound, you know the superman kind of stuff. His Chest armour weighed about 80kg.

Man even his sword was scary. It weighed so much. Just the tip of the sword weighed 12 kgs. The weight of his armour was enough to make any normal warrior shudder. No wonder they were scared.

Often we have to face something in our world. It looks scary. It looks impenetrable. It looks capable of doing you some damage.

But we need to get a Davidic spirit on us.

- A Davidic spirit is about the focusing on the prize, and David did that.
- A Davidic spirit is about living a life of praise.
- A Davidic Spirit kills Goliaths.
- The thing I want to focus on today is that a Davidic spirit **REMEMBERED HIS PAST VICTORIES.**

What's powerful about the Davidic Spirit is that it uses past victories to win past wars.

Verse 34

But David said to Saul 'Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both a lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

Here are some things to help you have victories.

1. **Look after what you are looking after – well.** David looked after his flock and he did it well. Some have fallen away because they fail to see what they are doing right now will lead them to their breakthrough if they do it well.
2. **Remember the times when you won before.** – David did this and even used it to convince Saul, the king and a hardened good warrior.

Your past victory's contain the essence, the faith for your future victories.

We are not meant to treat each event in our world as a separate situation. God wants us to remember what happened to us before and use it to move forward. It is too easy to forget the victory of the past when we are faced with the giant in front of us.

That's the power of the cross and communion for us.

Communion is a time of remembering. It is less about the bread and juice and heaps more about the power of remembering. When we remember what Christ has won for us it empowers us.

This is where it is vital to hang around positive faith filled people who will encourage you to get up again, go again, or shift again. Why do we do communion in church?

3. **Attach the past victory to the present situation.** – the crucial step in victory. David said something akin to this, 'what I did before is like what I am facing now'. He said it was like it.

The situation may be different but the faith is not!

My Story about 'using the faith with which I brought my house, to build the church'.

Story of Jesus feeding the five thousand and asking his disciples to feed them.

Luke 9:1-5, 10-13

Mark 6: 7-12, 30-37

He wasn't just randomly testing them. He was asking them to apply a faith He knew they already had. **He was asking to apply the same faith they had when he sent them out two by two.** How do I know this? Well let's look at the surrounding passage of scripture to ascertain what connection these events had.

When God empowers you, He empowers you to take the 'faith to faith' journey.

God doesn't just randomly allow things to hit out worlds. He knows the victories we have had, and He knows the failures we have faced. **But more importantly he knows that the faith we have used in the past to win a battle, is the same faith we will use in the future to win a war.**

What battles have you won before?

Buying a house?

Renting a house?

Getting a job you really wanted?

Having children?

Being able to pay a bill?

Car? Relationship mending?

We can use the faith we had to mend a relationship also to help us buy a house. We can use the faith of getting that job to find a partner. We can use the faith we have to buy a house to mend a relationship.

Faith is not situational it is people based. It's personal!

Its not about the specific bear you faced. Its not about the specific lion you faced. Its about the faith you used to face those bears and lions. The faith is not situation specific. The faith is meant to be used again.

We like David are meant to say 'hey I did this before and the I am going to use the same faith to do this now.

Faith is a weapon.

What weapons did you use before?

Looking back at the story of David and Goliath, David could not fit into Saul's armour. He was not familiar with them. He said I will have to test them first to make sure I can use them.

Your weapons of your warfare are yours.

They are mighty in God for the pulling down of strongholds.

Paul spoke about weapons throughout his epistles to the churches.

- Put on the armour of God. – Ephesians 6:11-18
- The weapons of our warfare are not carnal. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5
- Endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 2 Timothy 2:3
- Fight the fight. 1 Timothy 6:12

One weapon he encouraged Timothy to fight with was the weapon of prophecy.

1 Timothy 1:18-19

Some people have rejected the words of encouragement given and have ended up being ship wrecked.

These Prophecies are like promised victories. They contain faith. They contain a revelation from God. **What prophecies do you have about your life? Use them to win the war.**

'I am going to win here, because the word of God to me said..' The words of prophesy are God's down payment on victory. They bring faith into your world.

Those words are so powerful, they shift things, move things and shake things so that you get where God wants you to be.

Remembering the victories or the promised victories, brings you to your next Victory.

Today I ask you what are your past victories? What are your past Prophecies? Today we can ask God for a word to help us to move us forward. Are you ready for 2010.

Its ours for the taking