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DAVID & GOLIATH- ADVERSITY PRINCIPLE 1 SAMUEL 17:1-11

- 1. Why do you think people like the David and Goliath story?
- 2. Read 1 Samuel 17:1-11. What strikes you about the description of Goliath?
- 3. Pastor Mark points out that the key to overcoming the "giants" in our lives is focusing on our mindset about the giant rather than focusing on the size of the giant. What role do you think attitude or mindset play in a person's ability to take on difficult challenges?
- 4. What kind of "Giants" do people often face today? What "Giants" have you been facing in your life?
- 5. Norman Vincent Peale used to say that when God wants to give you a gift, He usually wraps it in a problem. Can you recall a time when God gave you a gift wrapped in a problem?
- 6. Read James 1:2. What role do you think adversity plays in helping to make us spiritually mature?
- 7. Why do we often find it difficult to persevere in the face of adversity?

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- 8. Pastor Mark suggests that "Giants" do not come into our lives to obstruct us, but to instruct us. Can you recall an important lesson you learned from a challenging giant you faced in your life?
- 9. What challenges do you think churches are facing these days? What mindset is needed to take on these challenges?
- 10. Can you think of a "Giant" you've been avoiding in your life? What might God be inviting you to do in order to take on that challenge or problem?