



## THEME

Faith that brings Courage with it

## ANCHORED TO TRUTH

1 Samuel 17, Psalm 23, Psalm 28:7-8, 2 Corinthians 5:6-7, Isaiah 43:1-7

## CONVERSATION

1. What is courage + how do we get it?
  - a. What are *your* most common sources of courage?
2. How often do you need courage?
  - a. What kind of things do you most often need it for?
  - b. What kind of things most often steal courage (discourage) from you?
3. Where did David (of slaying Goliath fame) seem to get his courage from?
  - a. Do you think the fight would've had the same outcome if his courage came from him?
  - b. Explain.
4. What's the connection between courage + *faith*?
5. How can we acquire a faith that produces real courage in us?

6. Check out Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. 2 He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. 3 He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. 4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. 5 You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. 6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

7. What's the overall picture David paints here?
8. Is there one 'image' that really resonates with you?
9. What does he want us to see in verses 4 + 5?
  - a. He didn't say, "you prepare a feast for me *away from* my enemy" - why is that significant?
  - b. What kind of courage/faith lets us sit + eat in the presence of our enemies (giants)?

## RESPOND

- Are there any 'giants' we're facing that have paralyzed us - keeping us from the fight - from the kind of story we're meant to live?
- What obstacles are stopping us from trusting God in a way that brings real courage for the fight?
- How can we encourage one another about these things?
- How can we pray for each other toward this kind of faith?