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**Sermon Title: Formed For The Fight**

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**Scriptures: 1 Samuel 17:45-47**

45 David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

**Sermon Summary:**

David and Goliath is often told as the ultimate underdog tale... but is that the whole story? This Sunday, as we continue our Sunday School series, we’ll discover the true source of David’s confidence—and see how it can transform the way we live today.

**Sermon Questions:**

1. What is your favorite underdog story from a movie, sports, history, etc?
2. How was David being formed and prepared long before he ever came to face Goliath?

God does his best formation in obscurity. David was being faithful to what was in front of him: shepherding sheep. In these moments God was preparing him for a battle that no one saw coming. Every hidden battle he fought developed strength and confidence in a God who never let him down.

3. God is perfectly content to shape you on the sheep field. The sheep field often isn’t glamorous and it can be hard to keep showing up. Share about a “sheep field” that God has used or is using to shape you. How has it formed you?

In seasons on the sheep field, you are not being sidelined, you are being formed. Keep showing up faithfully. Those seasons aren’t wasted, they are holy.

4. Saul’s armor didn’t fit so David takes it off and goes into battle with his regular clothes, a sling and some rocks. You don’t need to put on someone else’s armor either. In what ways have you felt pressured to put on something that doesn’t fit right or be someone who others expected you to be, but wasn’t true to who God made you to be?
5. What is a giant you are facing in your life right now?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 and remember, Jesus fought on behalf of all of us. Real confidence comes from knowing that he has already won the battle. We don’t fight for victory- we fight from victory.