

Lasting Results – Part 12

Drawing Near in Battle: The Power of Knowledge and Understanding"

This teaching contrasts David and Goliath's sources of confidence, each rooted in their knowledge, understanding, faith, and experience. It creates a clear and powerful framework for application today.

◆ David's Source of Confidence:

- **Knowledge:** He knew the name and nature of the Lord of Hosts.
- **Understanding:** He understood covenant, spiritual authority, and God's past faithfulness.
- **Boldness:** He *ran* toward Goliath.
- **Faith:** Based on God's deliverance from the lion and the bear.
- **Truth:** "The battle is the Lord's."
- **Result:** Victory that produced *lasting results*—impacting Israel, the Philistines, and the generations through Scripture.

● Goliath's Source of Confidence:

- **Knowledge:** He relied on his gods.
 - **Understanding:** War experience and intimidation.
 - **Boldness:** He advanced fearlessly.
 - **Faith:** In his strength, weapons, and past victories.
 - **(False) Truth:** Arrogant defiance against God's people.
 - **Result:** Defeat and collapse of Philistine confidence.
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Key Teaching Emphasis:

- David didn't fight with presumption or blind emotion—he had accurate *knowledge* of God and *understood* how to engage spiritually.
- His *boldness* came from understanding who God is and what God had already done.
- We too can *draw near* to the enemy (obstacles, fear, lies, spiritual warfare) without fear when we're grounded in:
 - The name of Jesus
 - Past testimonies
 - Sound doctrine
 - Our covenant position
- Knowledge and understanding act as **fear blockers** and **boldness boosters**.

Suggested Applications:

- Rehearse personal testimonies of deliverance (like David with the lion and bear).
 - Build doctrinal knowledge of Christ and authority in His name.
 - Embrace ongoing maintenance of soul (Deut. 4:9), mind (1 Peter 5:8), and spiritual resistance (James 4:7).
 - Be intentional in transferring these principles generationally.
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Thought-provoking Questions for Reflection:

- What battles am I facing where fear is trying to win?
- What do I *know* about God that can anchor me in truth?
- What past victories should I be recalling?
- How can I help my children and others grow in this kind of boldness?

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