

Series Preface:

1. God is 100% for all human life (Jn 10:11; Acts 17:25).
2. God is at work in every stage of your life, meaning your life is NEVER useless in His hands (Eph 2:10).
3. Let His Word shape our view of life/its stages (Isa 40:8).

Finding Purpose in Life's 6 Stages: The Boldness of Youth

1 Samuel 17:31-37

- Teenagers must navigate the _____ waters from childhood to adulthood.

Important Context

- *The LORD said to Samuel: "Don't look on his appearance or on...Eliab's stature...for man looks on the _____ appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."* 1 Sam 16:7
- The Valley of Elah
 - Goliath: stature; armor; weapons; giant _____
 - A chasm _____ really separates the 2 armies.
 - "Saul & all Israel were dismayed & greatly afraid." (v11)
- 1 Sam 17:26: David's _____ Bible give us THE starting point: He interjects _____!

If someone heard our thoughts and words in the trials we face, would they hear a bold faith _____?

32) David said to King Saul, "Let not the heart of man fall on account of Goliath; your servant will go & engage in battle with this Philistine."

33) And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go to this Philistine and engage in battle with him, for you are a youth and he is a man of battle from his youth."

- In God's hands, _____ doesn't matter!
~Jer 1:5-8; 1 Tim 4:12

34) And David said to King Saul, "Your servant was shepherding his father's flock and the lion came and the bear came, and it took a sheep from the flock. 35) But I went after it and I struck it and I delivered the sheep from its mouth, and when it rose up against me I was strong with its beard and I struck it and killed it. 36) Even the lion, even the bear, your servant has smitten. And this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them because he has taunted/slandered the battle lines of the living God!"

- Whom God _____, God _____. God used David's previous experiences - especially hardships - to prepare him _____!
- While Saul & all Israel see an untouchable Philistine, David sees a blasphemous, _____ one!
(see Leviticus 24:16!!)

37) And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the hand of the lion and from the hand of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you."

- Looking back _____ emboldens us to look forward _____.
- David knows he won't be delivered because of his true grit, but because he _____ the _____.
- Circumstances vary, but _____ not!
Whether its sheep, a Philistine, or _____ - YAHWEH is THE living God who looks on the heart and _____ His people!