

Outline – July 3, 2022
Joshua 24:15; 1 Samuel 17:4-11, 38-43, 45-51
1 Timothy 6:12
What Do We Fight For?

So What Do We Fight? (The Words Of Patrick Henry)

- I. **What do we fight for?**
 - A. Freedom in our lives, our nation
 - B. For our families
 - C. For our faith
 - D. For our friends and fellowship who cannot fight for themselves
 - E. For our future
- II. **We fight when the battle comes to us**
 - A. Jesus made it clear some will not like you because you follow Him
 - B. Some will not like you because you believe the Bible
 - C. Some will not like you because you don't embrace magical thinking
 - D. Some will not like you because you believe there is a God who created us, redeemed us, sustains us and to whom we must answer
- III. **Why are followers of the Messiah disliked, derided and demeaned**
 - A. There is a spiritual element involved
 - B. Jesus described Satan as a
 - 1. Deceiver
 - 2. Thief
 - 3. Divider
 - 4. Liar
 - 5. Author of rebellion
 - C. The philosophy of Satan is "be your own god"
 - D. Many today are in rebellion against God, against His word, against His people
- IV. **If we don't fight the good fight**
 - A. We will lose our freedom
 - B. We will lose our family
 - C. We will lose our faith
 - D. We will lose our fellowship
 - E. We will lose our future
- V. **The iconic story of David and Goliath**
 - A. Odds were insurmountable
 - B. Fear overwhelming

C. Meet the Philistines

- a. Barbaric, aggressive, hated Israel, perverse, hated the God of Israel
- b. They worshipped the pagan, demonic god called Baal
 1. They offered up children and babies on the altar of Baal
- c. They were invading the people of Israel, in a life-or-death struggle
- d. Tyranny was encroaching
- e. Freedoms would be limited
- f. Violence was increasing
- g. Negotiations were pointless

VI. They brought the battle to Israel (Winner take all)

A. They sent Goliath

1. A killing machine
2. A giant (perhaps a descendant of Nephilim)
3. A servant of Baal

B. King Saul sends David

1. A shepherd
2. A messenger
3. A cheese delivery boy

C. Goliath begins by cursing God

1. Blasphemy
2. Defiance
3. Rebellion
4. Contempt
5. Pride

D. David views this through a theological/biblical lens

1. This is not just about a giant or a battle
2. This is about rebellion, contempt, hatred of God, blasphemy
3. This is spiritual warfare
4. He is perplexed. How did this happen? Where are the warriors? Do they not know what is at stake?
5. David uses his style of weapons, what he knows, what he believes

VII. The battle

A. Goliath begins with psychological warfare

1. Taunts
2. Prediction of failure

B. David counters with truth

1. This is the Lord's battle
2. This is the Lord's fight
3. This is for the Lord's glory

- C. David uses a slingshot
 - 1. Goliath dropped
 - 2. David uses Goliath's sword against him
- VIII. **What did David fight for?**
 - A. Freedom
 - B. The name of God
 - C. For His people
 - D. For His life
 - E. To defeat what Satan had sent
- IX. **What about you?**
 - A. Every day you are in a battle
 - 1. For your faith
 - 2. With problems
 - 3. Temptations
 - 4. Fears
 - 5. Anxiety
 - B. Feeling overwhelmed
 - C. Feeling small
 - D. What's your battle, your Goliath?
- X. **246 years ago, our nation**
 - A. Fought for freedom
 - B. Fought a giant
 - C. God was honored
 - D. Freedom won
 - E. Prayer was everywhere
- XI. **Our Savior, like David, destroys our giant**
 - A. Both came from Bethlehem
 - B. Both arrived in humility
 - C. Both were mocked
 - D. Both fought and won

**Our King Goes Before Us Declaring The Battle is His
Our Enemy Doesn't Determine Our Story
Our King Does**

**As We Know What We Fight For
Therefore, Choose Ye This Day Whom You Will Serve**

