

## God First Life

(1 Samuel 16:7b NIV) "The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the **outward appearance**, but the Lord looks at the **heart**."

### ✓ Pretending

(Proverbs 20:17 NIV) "Food gained by **fraud** tastes sweet, but one ends up with a mouth full of gravel."

### ✓ Unhealthy People

(Proverbs 13:20 NLT) "Walk with the wise and **become wise**; associate with fools and **get in trouble**."

### ✓ Wrong Priorities

(Proverbs 28:19) "Those who **work their land** will have abundant food, but those who **chase fantasies** will have their fill of poverty."

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(1 Samuel 17:19 NIV) "They are with with Saul and **all the men** of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the philistines."

(1 Samuel 17:28b NIV) "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those **few sheep** in the wilderness?... You came **only to watch** the battle."

(1 Samuel 17:33 NIV) "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are **only a young man**, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

## 1. You are accepted.

(1 Samuel 17:37 NIV) "The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear **will rescue me** from the hand of this Philistine."

(Psalm 68:5-6) "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. **God sets the lonely in families**, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land."

✓ Small Groups

## 2. You have a purpose.

(1 Samuel 17:45-47 NIV) "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, whose you have defied. 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."

✓ Next Steps

## 3. There is an opportunity in front of you.

(1 Samuel 17:32 NIV) "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant **will go** and fight him."

(1 Samuel 17:48-51 NIV) "As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. So **David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and stone**; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

✓ Serve Team / Serve Saturday