

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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WE HAVE TO EMBRACE THE PROCESS OF PREPARATION

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

-JOHN 14:26 (NIV)

"You don't have a chance against him," Saul replied. "You're only a boy, and he's been a soldier all his life." But David told him: "Your Majesty, I take care of my father's sheep. And when one of them is dragged off by a lion or a bear, I go after it and beat the wild animal until it lets the sheep go. If the wild animal turns and attacks me, I grab it by the throat and kill it. Sir, I have killed lions and bears that way, and I can kill this worthless Philistine. He shouldn't have made fun of the army of the living God! The LORD has rescued me from the claws of lions and bears, and he will keep me safe from the hands of this Philistine." "All right," Saul answered, "go ahead and fight him. And I hope the LORD will help you." Saul had his own military clothes and armor put on David, and he gave David a bronze helmet to wear. David strapped on a sword and tried to walk around, but he was not used to wearing those things. "I can't move with all this stuff on" David said. "I'm just not used to it." David took off the armor and picked up his shepherd's stick. He went out to a stream and picked up five smooth rocks and put them in his leather bag. Then with his sling in his hand, he went straight toward Goliath.

-1 SAMUEL 17:33-40 (CEV)

GOD PREPARES US FOR BATTLES BEFORE THE BATTLES.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be consistent in prayer.

-ROMANS 12:2 (ESV)

Even when I walk through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You welcome me as a guest, anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

-PSALMS 23:4-6 (NLT)

FEAR TOLERATED IS FAITH CONTAMINATED.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

-2 TIMOTHY 1:7 (NKJV)

When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.

-ISAIAH 43:2 (NLT)

- 1. STUDY THE WORD OF GOD DAILY.**
- 2. SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD DAILY OVER YOUR LIFE.**
- 3. PRAY THE WORD OF GOD DAILY OVER YOUR LIFE.**

So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you."

-DEUTERONOMY 31:6 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are some questions or curiosities you have from today's message? (Leader Note: This is a great place to understand where your group is in their spiritual walk and understanding. Encourage members to ask whatever questions they may have - often, people are hesitant to ask questions when they feel they might be too "basic" or about something they should already know)
2. What is one point from the message that stuck out to you? Why? (Leader Note: As members share their points, allow people to engage with one another about these points. Are two or more people bringing up the same point? Use that time to talk more about it, see how it moves you and your members - the Holy Spirit may be leading your House Party in a specific direction)
3. What is a truth about God, the world, or yourself that you have learned today?
4. What is one way you can apply this message to your life this week? (Leader Note: Great applications are S.M.A.R.T: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound).