Forward By Faith—The Faith That Conquers  
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I. Introduction.
   
   A. Text: I Samuel 17:45.
   
   B. There are all kinds of Goliaths in life.
   
   C. Faith conquers our Goliaths.

II. The faith that conquers recalls previous victories in battle. Keeping a diary helps us to recall the entire experience when God delivered us.

III. The faith that conquers has right motives. Our motives must be to be a true man of God, not simply to have an orderly life.

IV. The faith that conquers rejects the discouraging words of others.

V. The faith that conquers understands the true nature of the battle—it was a battle of the God of the Israelites versus the false gods of the Philistines.

VI. The faith that conquers responds with a positive faith confession.
   
   A. Listen to the taunts of the Goliaths in your life against the background of the promises of God.
   
   B. The key: we have to respond based on...
      
      1. Who we are in Christ.
      
      2. What we have in Christ—all our needs met. (Zechariah 4)
      
      3. The power of God.

VII. The faith that conquers recons the victory even before the battle is won.

Application questions:

1. Which characteristic of conquering faith stands out to you? What strikes you about it?

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2. What does it mean to recon that we have the victory before the battle is won?

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3. What are your Goliaths? In what ways can you step forward in faith in light of this message?

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