

# Walking with David – Week 3

## Courage Built Over Time

**Big Idea:** Courage grows as faith is tested again and again.

### Tonight's Focus

- Courage in Scripture is not sudden bravery, but faith that has been tested and trusted over time.
- David's response in the valley reveals a faith that was formed long before the moment demanded action.

### 2026 Anchor Scripture – Isaiah 43:18–19

“Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”

### Where We Are in the Story

- Israel is at a standstill, facing a threat that has gone unanswered for forty days.
- Fear has shaped the response of both the people and their leadership.
- David arrives in the camp through simple obedience, not ambition or position.
- What unfolds in the valley reveals what God has already been forming in David's life.

### Key Passages for Tonight

- 1 Samuel 17:1–11 – Fear Without Movement
- 1 Samuel 17:23–30 – A Different Response to the Same Words
- 1 Samuel 17:32–37 – Testimony That Explains the Courage
- 1 Samuel 17:38–51 – Faith Carried Into the Valley
- Psalm 18:1–3 – The LORD My Strength

### Anchor Truths to Listen For

- Courage is formed through repeated trust, not sudden opportunity.
- Faith that stands publicly is shaped privately over time.
- Testimony anchors present faith to past faithfulness.
- The valley does not create faith, it reveals it.
- God proves faithful long before the moment requires action.

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