

## **Christian Courage for the New Year**

1 Corinthians 16:13

The story of David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

Primary text: **Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong.** (1 Cor 16:13 NLT)

Primary point: Let us face the New Year with Christian courage.

### **What is courage?**

Christian courage is obeying God without fear. (Phil 4:6-7 NLT; 1 Sam 17:48)

### **Why do we need courage?**

To glorify God.

To obey God. (Joshua 1:2, 5-7, 9 NLT)

### **What will we need courage for?**

### **How can we have Christian courage?**

Christian courage can only come from being controlled by God's Spirit in us. (1 Sam 16:13).

What do we need to do for God's Spirit to control us? Believe the truth. Believing God's truth engages God's Spirit in us. Believe what specific truth? God loves you.

### **Life Group Discussion ?'s**

- 1) What was especially meaningful to you about the Sunday message?
- 2) Did God put you in a situation this last year that required courage? If so, what did you learn about God in this situation?
- 3) Why does God like courage in His people?
- 4) What do you think you might need courage for this next year?