

**Strong when I am Weak**  
**“When “David & Goliath” became a thing”**  
**1 Samuel 17:1-11; 32-37; 45-50**  
**September 14, 2025**

**Sermon Points:**

**1. The Problem**

- Fear that functionally dishonors God by believing lies about His character.

**2. The World's Way vs. God's Way:**

- Counterfeit courage that relies on self and hides weakness.
- True courage fueled by a zeal for God's glory, trusting His power in our weakness.

**3. The Ultimate Champion**

**4. Application:**

- Identifying our specific weaknesses and offering them to God in faith.

**Post-Sermon Reflection:**

1. When you think of the story of David and Goliath, what is the one thing you've always taken away from it? How did this sermon confirm or challenge that view?
2. The sermon made a distinction between the army's fear and David's zeal. How did the army's inaction dishonor God? What does this reveal about the true nature of fear?
3. What was the difference between the "counterfeit courage" of the world and the true courage David displayed? Why is relying on our own strength ultimately a form of weakness?
4. How did the sermon connect David's story to the work of Jesus on the cross? What does it mean that Jesus is our "champion" who fought for us and as us?
5. The application challenged us to identify a "specific weakness." What is one area where you are most tempted to rely on your own "armor" (competence, people-pleasing, control) instead of admitting weakness and relying on God? Be as specific as you feel comfortable.
6. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9. How can you actively "lean on His promises, not your strength" this week in the specific area of weakness you identified? Name one promise you can cling to.
7. How does knowing that your ultimate victory is secured by Jesus your Champion, and not by your own performance—free you to be honest about your weaknesses and to face your "giants" differently?

