

4Ws for Week 19 (05 - 11 May 2025)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

(If there are first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Country of Choice

If you could live in any country in the world, where would it be and why? Share your choice with the group. Afterward, take a moment to reflect and pray for the country you've chosen.

2. Mother's Day – 11 May 2025

In celebration of Mother's Day, let's take a moment to honour the mothers among us.

- If you are a mother, share a meaningful or memorable way your children have celebrated you.
- If you are a child, share something special you have done or plan to do for your mother.

Conclude by taking a moment to thank God for the gift of mothers in our lives.

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Encourage members to allow the Holy Spirit to minister through them by sharing words, visions, tongues and interpretations of tongues.)

Suggested worship songs:

- 1) Praise
- 2) I Give You My heart

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Rev. Roland Lee

Scripture Passage: 1 Samuel 17 (NLT)

Sermon Title: Overcoming Challenges

Introduction

In the story of David and Goliath, the Israelite army faced a seemingly insurmountable challenge. Yet, God had called Israel to be a blessing to the nations (Genesis 12:2), even as they stood against pagan enemies. This sermon echoes SP Daniel's call for FCBC to embrace that same mission—to be a blessing to the nations.

So how do we overcome both personal and corporate challenges in order to advance God's kingdom? We must do two things:

1. **Focus on God** - *He is the Greatest.*
2. **Fight our Giants** - *He is for us.*

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. How did the Israelites overcome their fear in the face of their challenge?

A1: In the story of David and Goliath, the Israelites were paralyzed by fear because they had lost sight of God. Their fear was irrational and stemmed from a lack of faith. However, throughout

their history, God had delivered them in battle. Victory came not through their strength, but through God's intervention.

To overcome fear, they needed only to focus on and trust in God. Likewise, when we face challenges today, we fix our eyes on God, because *He is the Greatest* (Philippians 2:10).

Q2. What gave David the confidence to step forward and fight Goliath?

A2. While the Israelite army was paralysed by fear in the face of Goliath, David stepped forward not in his own strength, but with full confidence that God was with him. While others were paralyzed by fear, David's courage came from faith. His trust in God empowered him to confront Goliath, knowing, as Romans 8:31 says, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Like David, we are called to stand against fear, lies, and spiritual opposition—standing in God's strength. This story is a reminder to fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12), stand firm (Ephesians 6:11–13), and trust that with God, we can face any challenge and walk in victory.

Application Questions

Break into smaller groups, share, pray and minister to one another.

Q1. What challenges are you currently facing, and how have they impacted you? Please share.

Q2. Have you been focusing solely on your challenges instead of working to overcome them? Please share.

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on *edification, equipping and evangelism*.

- 1. Build on the momentum of all your outreach efforts** - continue praying for your pre-believing friends and family, connect with them, and invite them to your Cell and our Weekend Services.
- 2. Consolidation of new believers** – Diligently pray for and reach out to your friends and family who have decided to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, guiding and helping them grow in the faith.

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