WEEK OF

MARCH 7, 2010

SMALL GROUP

DISCUSSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOPIC: Getting Past Eliab to Kill Goliath

Sermon in a Sentence: When those we look up to show no confidence in us, God vindicates us as we pursue His cause.

Points to Make

- Eliab was King David's oldest brother. His name means "God is his Father". As the eldest son in an Israelite house, he held a very special position.
- When Samuel came to find someone to anoint as king in the place of Saul, he saw that Eliab had a favorable countenance and a high stature so much so that he believed that he was the Lord's anointed (1 Samuel 16: 6 – 7).
- Eliab was a soldier in the Lord's army. Blessed as he was with these impressive credentials, any younger brother would be expected to look up to him.
- We should be thankful for all that are in authority (1 Timothy 2: 2) and obey those who have the rule over us (Hebrews 13: 17), because these are the people who watch over our souls.
- Younger people should submit to elders (1 Peter 5: 5),
- In Eliab's case, his heart was not right, and this expressed itself in his opposition of David.
- When David arrived in the camp he was indignant that a heathen would dare to defy the armies of the living God. A zeal began to rise up within him against one who reproached God.
- He wanted to know what would be done for the man who would kill Goliath.
- Eliab heard David speak to the men and his anger was aroused (1 Sam 17:28).
- He asked David with whom he had left those few sheep in the wilderness.
- This question expresses the disdain that came out of Eliab's heart.

Key Scripture:

- **1 Samuel 17: 23 - 26**

- Eliab said, "I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle".
- David had to get past the taunts of Eliab in order to kill Goliath.
- In case we think that there is only one Eliab to deal with, we must be aware that such a spirit will jump onto others who have a similar heart.
- When words didn't discourage David, Saul placed his armor on him so that David couldn't walk. He had to take it off and leave his trust where he began – in the hands of the Lord.

Discussion Tools

- Have you ever seen an "Eliab" at work in your own life or in the life of someone else? Explain.
- How do "Sauls" show themselves in our lives today? How is "Saul" different from "Eliab"?
- Is there an "Eliab" which is keeping you from conquering your Goliath? How can you overcome it?

Prayer Time

Mighty God please give me strength to fight past my Eliabs to conquer my Goliaths.

In Jesus' name.

ICE-BREAKER: Identify something in your life that seemed to be "bigger than you". Did you fight against it? What was the result?