

**Let's Review (5 minutes)**

- i. When the army of Israel faced the army of the Philistines, Goliath struck fear in the hearts of the Israelite soldiers. From an earthly perspective, their situation seemed hopeless. However, a fearless shepherd boy named David volunteered to fight the giant. What made the difference was that David understood he was fighting on behalf of “the God of the armies of Israel” (1 Samuel 17:45).
  
- ii. We all have Goliaths in our lives. They may be financial challenges, health challenges, relationship difficulties, family situations, personal shortcomings, or spiritual difficulties. Regardless of the size of the challenge, allying ourselves with God can help us experience victory.
  
- iii. One common misconception about Christianity is that it is about being better, being stronger, or standing taller. We cannot accomplish this alone, but with God all things are possible. Even a Roman Centurion and a woman with a debilitating illness can exhibit faith that results in the changing of lives.
  
- iv. We can slay our Goliaths by having faith in God and His ability to change our lives.
  
- v. If God created the heavens and the earth, He can forgive your sins and give you power to live a new life.
  
- vi. God is gathering a group of people together who will be ready to meet Him when He comes. He wants you to be in that victorious group.

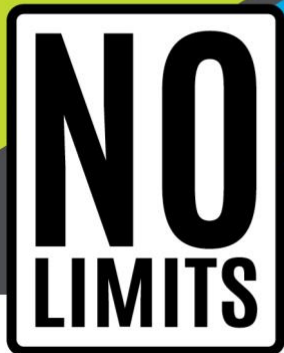
**Let's Learn (5 minutes)**

Ask someone to read 2 Corinthians 5:17.

What does Paul mean when he says a person can become “a new creature”? What role does faith play in this transformation?

**Let's Inspire (5 minutes)**

Reflect on a time when God gave you the opportunity to step out in faith. When you did so, how did God reward your faithfulness?



**Let's Apply (5 minutes)**

When God gives you the next opportunity to step out in faith, how can you recognize His will and find the courage to move forward with Him?

**Let's Pray (5 minutes)**

Based on what we have just heard from the sermon and discussed in our group, what would you like to pray for?