



HOMETOWN ★ ADVANTAGE ★

Generating Momentum
in the Face of Disadvantage

Fighting the Battle



Message by Tom Mercer | February 10-11, 2018 | *Hometown Advantage, Part 2*

There is a clear spiritual advantage for people who experience life and worship in proximity to one another.

1 Samuel 17:1-3, 8, 25

1. Be well prepared.

1 Samuel 17:26, 31-37



“Fire bullets then cannonballs.”

2. Employ extraordinary tactics.

1 Samuel 17:38

Worldly intuition is our greatest threat to success.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5, 1 Samuel 17:39



Be who you are.

1 Samuel 17:40

3. Recognize your strategic advantage.

To be successful, this campaign does not require a miracle.

1 Samuel 17:41-49



1. What encouraged or challenged you from the past weekend's message?

Read 1 Samuel 16:11-23

2. David never planned on being King. He wasn't intentionally preparing to be a King or fight an enemy named Goliath. Yet God was preparing him for the future challenges he'd face, long before David even knew they were going to happen. What was there about David that would seem to hinder him from being anointed by Samuel? What made David qualified to be king? Why do you think God chose David?
3. What did David's faithfulness as a shepherd say about his character? How did that prepare him for his future?
4. What else in that passage indicates that God is superintending the process of preparing David to rule Israel?

Read 1 Samuel 17:25-49

5. What stands out to you in this passage?
6. How would you have responded to the words King Saul said in verse 33, if he had said that to you? What was David's response?
7. In verses 38-39, Saul put his armor on David to prepare him to fight Goliath. Why was that a bad idea? Can you think of a situation when you tried to wear someone else's "armor" to face a particular challenge and it didn't work out very well?
8. Tom talked about "firing bullets, then cannonballs." Can you think of a time when you tried to fire a cannonball prematurely, and it backfired?
9. The confidence David had in 1 Samuel 17:45-47 is pretty impressive! How does reading his rant fire you up to feel the same confidence for your future?
10. How has God already equipped you, in your own personality, gifting and resources, to face the challenges ahead of you?
11. Without specifying an amount, share with the group how God is leading you to participate in the Hometown Advantage campaign. Are you giving for the first time, increasing the percentage or amount you already regularly give, or sacrificing (selling or giving up) something and giving that money toward Hometown Advantage?
12. Break up into smaller groups and spend time thanking God for the victories He's given us in the past. And then pray for each other's oikos and HDC's Hometown Advantage campaign.

