BE BOLD IN YOUR WEAKNESS

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Just like when David faced Goliath, we have a choice to make when facing battles in this world. We can choose to cover up our weaknesses and live according to the shame our sin and experience push on us, or we can choose to walk boldly into our battles knowing God is made strong in our weakness and covers our shame. We can grow in our boldness by sitting at the feet of Jesus and allowing His truth to speak louder than our experience.

ICEBREAKERS
Choose one or two questions only as icebreakers.

- When you were a child, what was your biggest fear?
- What is the best hiding spot you ever found in a game of hide and seek?

TALK IT OVER
Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

Go Vulnerable
Read Eph. 6:12; 2 Cor. 12:9; Matt. 11:28-30; Isaiah 54:17

The very thing we intend to defend us can defeat us. David chose not to wear Saul's armor.
- What are some of the things you have used to cover up your shame or insecurity?
- When have you tried to "wear armor" that didn't fit you?
- How does armor that doesn't fit keep us from fighting well?
- How does shame work against us and the plan God has for us?
- How does Jesus approach us when we feel shame? (John 4:1-26)
- Why is it so scary to go into battle without armor?
- How does hiding our weaknesses keep us from experiencing victory in our struggle?
- How does it feel to know that God intends to use your weakness to overcome your enemy?

Go Dependent
Read 1 Samuel 17:45-47; Luke 10:38-42; Numbers 20:7-12

David didn't walk into battle relying on his own strength, but depending on what God would do.
- What does it mean to be dependent on someone?
- What are some of the things you depend on to help you through the day?
- Why does God ask us to do things that don't seem to make sense when we are in a battle?
- Why does the enemy know so much about you and your weakness?
- How does the enemy try to make you respond in the struggle?
- How does knowing God is fighting with you change the way you see the fight?
LIVE IT OUT
End with a challenge to take action with one or more of these steps.

- This week, during your quiet time, imagine yourself actually sitting at the feet of Jesus. Ask Him what He wants to tell you today and write down what you hear Him say.
- What area of your life have you been timid or scared? Memorize Deuteronomy 31:6 and walk boldly into the battle.
- What is one piece of armor that you are using to hide a weakness or insecurity? Pray each day this week to be dependent on God and His strength.

LEADER TIPS
Tips for small group facilitators.

- When is the last time your group just had fun together? Laughing together is important to finding friendships and long-lasting relationships in your group.