

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS Discipleship Guide

“Against All Odds”

For the week of July 16 - 22, 2017

Warm Up:

What is one of your biggest fears?

Open in Prayer

Main Thought:

God uses our present season to prepare us for the greater things He has in store for us. David was a young shepherd who had a deep love for God. He was faithful to care for the sheep that God trusted him with, to the point of fighting lions and bears to protect them. God was preparing David all his life in the wilderness for the day he was to fight against Goliath. David remembered how God delivered him then, and had no doubt that God would deliver him again. Sometimes our eyes are focused more on the size of the giants before us than on the size of our God who stands behind us. The battles we face are meant to build faith *in* us and also *through* us to build faith in *others*. We can have full confidence in the fact that no matter what giants we face, the odds are for us because of the victory we already have in Christ.

Main Passages:

“Meanwhile, live in such a way that you are a credit to the Message of Christ... Stand united, in singular vision, contending for people’s trust in the Message, the Good News, not flinching or dodging in the slightest before the opposition...” (Philippians 1:27 MSG)

“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:57-58)

Scripture Exploration:

- Read Philippians 1:27 and 1 Corinthians 15:57-58. What does it mean to stand for your faith? Why is it important?

Personal Reflection:

- Share a time when you were more focused on a problem you were going through than focused on God.
- What season is God preparing you in right now for the greater things ahead?

Active Application:

- Who is someone in your life that God wants you to help build faith in? What will you do this week to encourage and challenge that person?

Close in Prayer:

- Pray for faith and boldness to grow in this season.
- Pray for your Grace Group to stay on mission in sharing God's love with others.
- Pray for one person far from God.

