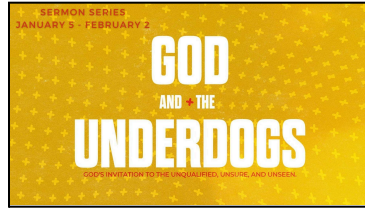


Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



February 2, 2025

David - #4 in the series: God and the Underdogs - *God's Invitation to the Unqualified, Unsure, and Unseen*

Text Referenced (NIV): I Samuel 17:41-50; I Corinthians 15: 55-57

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. In the 1986 film *Hoosiers*, a small-town high school basketball team wins the state championship against great odds, reminding us why stories about underdogs are inspiring and loved by so many.
 - Have you experienced a situation where you've been an underdog?
 - What were the challenges, and how did you navigate them?
 - How did being an underdog benefit you, if at all?
3. **Read I Samuel 17: 41-44.**

David is a teenager drawn into a deadly conflict between Israel and their persistent and more powerful enemy, the Philistines.

 - In their face-to-face confrontation, what was Goliath's intent in demoralizing David?
 - What are often the effects of verbal aggression on the victim? The aggressor?
4. **Read I Samuel 17: 45-50.**

David's response casts him not as an underdog - *unqualified, unsure, and unseen* - but someone who just might be up to the challenge.

 - What happens when an underdog is victorious or triumphant?
 - What other factors might we also attribute to David's victory over Goliath?
5. **Read I Corinthians 15:55-58.**

Recalling the words of the prophet Hosea, Paul reminds us that God's purpose is to defeat oppression - a call taken up by David against Goliath.

 - Who are "the oppressed" - the underdogs - among us today?
 - How can we respond to the needs of oppressed people in keeping with our faith?
5. How can we pray for you?