

## Covenant Community Groups – Interactive Study Guide Week of August 17, 2008

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- How did the Israelites react to Goliath’s taunts? What does that reaction tell you about them?
- For you, in what situations and circumstances is it difficult to have faith? Why?
  - How do you react to these situations and circumstances?
  - During those times, what lies are you liable to believe?
- Contrast David’s reaction to Goliath’s taunts with the Israelites’ reaction. Why was David’s so different?
- What can you take from David’s example and apply to your life?
- What difference do God’s presence and character make on your life?

#### 3. Break into smaller groups of men and women to share and pray

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