

# Sermon Notes

## Five Words - 1Sam 17:47

### January 11, 2026

#### I. Introduction

When evil comes, don't be dependent on circumstances, but on the resources of God. **Billy Graham**

- a. any expectations for 2026... doom and gloom predictions abound... if even a small percentage of those come true... world should be very afraid... world should be, not you... John 10:10... "*devil* comes to steal, kill, and destroy... I've come to bring abundant life..." John 17:6-19... "they are in the world... Father, protect them by Your name... not praying you take them out of the world, but that You protect them from the evil one... they are not of the world..." 1John 4:3-4... "spirit of antichrist is in the world... you have already won the victory because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who is in the world..."
- b. disaster, famine, sickness, death... from the devil, not God... not your inheritance... Exo 15:26... "I will not inflict any illness on you... I am the Lord who heals..." Exo 34:6... "God is merciful and gracious... patient... abounding in goodness..." Deut 28:15-68... "curses will come... disease, fever, inflammations... boils, tumors, plagues..." Psa 119:68... "You are good and You do what is good..." Jer 29:11... "I know the plans I have for you... for good, not disaster... give future and hope..." Luke 9:56... "Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives... but to save them..." Acts 10:38... "Jesus went around doing good... healing all oppressed by the devil..." Rom 2:4... "God is kind, tolerant, patient... goodness intended to turn you from sin..." Gal 3:10-14... "Christ redeemed us from the curse... by becoming a curse for us..." Jam 1:13-17... "God is not tempted to do evil... every good gift comes from the Father..."
- c. troubles will come... is there anything we can do to be victorious... pray... John 16:33... "in the world you will have trouble... I have overcome the world..." 1Cor 15:54-57... "thanks be to God... who gives us the victory thru our Lord Jesus..." 1John 5:4... "every child of God defeats this evil world... this is the victory... our faith..."

**Joy in the Lord is one of the best preparations for the trials of this life.** **Charles Spurgeon**

#### II. Five Words

- a. every time you face a battle... important to use weapon God has given you to fight your enemy... Word is your weapon... must speak it out loud... can't just think it... speak it... Prov 12:18... "the tongue of the wise brings healing..." Prov 18:21... "death and life are in the power of the tongue..." Isa 8:20... "if they do not speak according to His word... there is no light in them..." Matt 4... "Jesus said... it is written... it is written... it is written... and the devil left Him..." Rom 10:6... "the righteousness of faith speaks..." 2Cor 4:13... "same spirit of faith... I believed, therefore I spoke... we also believe and speak..." Eph 6:17-20... "sword of Spirit, which is the Word... pray I'm bold enough to speak it..."
- b. share five words of grace to help you be more victorious in 2026... Goliath relied on his strength and human weapons... David relied on God's strength and spiritual weapons... 1Sam 17... "for 40 days, Goliath taunted Israelites... you come at me with sword, spear, javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord... today, the Lord will hand you over to me and everyone will know it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves... for the battle is the Lord's..."

- c. the battle is the Lord's... memorize this... speak it... see more victories in 2026... when trials and trouble hit... the battle is the Lord's... not your battle... don't touch (like tithe)... Lev 27:30... "every tenth... belongs to the Lord... it is holy to the Lord..." Luke 11:42... "you give a tenth... these things should be done without neglecting others..."
- d. but pastor, I need to do something... yes, you do... rest in the finished work... don't know what situation needs... can't see future... don't have power to change it... God does... what if nothing happens... honestly, if Jesus can't do anything... why do you think you could... Gen 6:8... "Noah found favor and grace in the eyes of the Lord..." Matt 6:25-34... "don't worry... seek first His righteousness... all these things provided..." John 15:5... "you can do nothing without Me..." John 19:30... "it is finished..."
- e. David still went to meet the giant... but how did he go... with armor and many weapons... no, as a shepherd with sling and stone... obviously knew this battle wasn't his... 1Sam 17... "put on Saul's armor... I cannot go with these, I have not proved them..." Eph 6:10-18... "put on God's armor... so you may be able to resist evil... take stand..."
- f. devil will always try to force you into action... what are you going to do about this... rest in the finished work of Christ... the battle is the Lord's... stand on His promises... Exo 14:14... "the Lord will fight for you... you have only to be silent..." Exo 15:3... "the Lord is a man of battle... Yahweh is His name..." Deut 1:30... "the Lord who goes before you will Himself fight for you..." Deut 3:22... "you shall not fear them... it is the Lord your God who fights for you..." Zech 4:6... "not by might or power... but by My Spirit... says the Lord of Armies..." 2Cor 1:20... "every one of God's promises is yes in Christ... that is why we say amen..." 2Cor 3:5... "can do nothing on our own... only power and success comes from God..." Heb 6:12... "be imitators of those who inherit God's promises thru faith and patience..."
- g. doctor gave you a bad report... the battle is the Lord's... your children have wandered away from God... the battle is the Lord's... you fight by not fighting, but by resting... 1Chron 22:9... "son will be a man of rest... I will give him rest from his enemies..." 2Chron 20:30... "for God gave him rest on every side..." Isa 28:12 (1Cor 14:21)... "this is the place of rest... let the weary rest here..." Jer 50:34... "Redeemer is strong; the Lord of armies is His name... He will bring rest..." Matt 11:28-30... "come to Me... all you who are burdened... I will give you rest..." Acts 2:26... "my heart is glad... my tongue shouts His praise... my body rests in hope..." Heb 3:4... "we who have believed enter rest... make every effort to enter rest..."
- h. what do you do when your enemies completely surround you... no chance of victory... 2Chron 20... "vast army comes... Jehoshaphat said, if disaster comes on us, war, plague, famine, we will stand before You, we are powerless, we do not know what to do, but we look to You... the Lord said, the battle is not yours, but God's, you do not have to fight this battle, stand still... believe in the Lord your God and you will succeed... began to praise and their enemies were defeated..."
- i. in life... about to enter a trial... in a trial... or just come out of a trial... more you complain the longer you will spend in your trouble... start praising God... feed on His word... speak it... rest in it... when you know the battle is the Lord's... you will be victorious... pray... Exo 16:2... "entire Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron..." Num 14:29... "your corpses will rot in the wilderness... because you have complained..." lun... spend the night; remain; grumble, complain, murmur..." Psa 8:2... "established praise in order to silence the enemy..." Psa 119:50... "my comfort in suffering is this... Your promise preserves my life..." Phil 4:4-9... "rejoice... don't worry... pray with thanksgiving... peace will guard heart..." Gal 5:24-26... "since we are living in the Spirit... follow Spirit's leading in every area of our lives..."