

**Sermon Series: SOUL TRAINING:**

**FIVE SMOOTH STONES  
(I Samuel 17:40-51)**

- 1. THE SURENESS OF CONFLICT.**
- 2. THE STONES OF CONQUEST.**
- 3. THE SAVIOR WHO CONQUERS.**

- 1. THE SURENESS OF CONFLICT.**

*But man is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward. Job 5:7*

- 2. THE STONES OF CONQUEST.**



**1) Calling**

*“I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” Isaiah 43:6-7*

**2) Character.**

*And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ Acts 13:22*

*Christianity is a ‘character’ lifestyle. To put it bluntly you can sleep around and be a good brain surgeon.*

*You can cheat on your taxes and be a good salesman. Apparently, it is no problem to lie and be a politician. But you cannot do those things as a Christian and expect God's blessing. You must do right in order to have integrity. Charles Swindoll*

**3) Conviction.**

*So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. James 4:17*

*You don't have to know a lot of things to make a difference in life. But you do have to know a few things that matter and are willing to give your life to them.*

*John Piper*



#### **4) Confidence.**

*Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God. 2 Cor. 3:4-5*

*Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else. Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence.*

*1 Cor. 10:12 (The Message)*

#### **5) Consistency.**

*But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. Hebrews 5:14*

*Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. 1 Tim. 4:15*

### **3. THE SAVIOR WHO CONQUERS.**

*And the men of Israel and Judah rose with a shout and pursued the Philistines as far as Gath<sup>l</sup> and the gates of Ekron, so that the wounded Philistines fell on the way from Shaaraim as far as Gath and Ekron. 1 Samuel 17:52*

*But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. 2 Cor. 2:14*

*I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread. Psalm 37:25*