

1. Describe a person or situation from your past that you considered an enemy. What about it was particularly intimidating or hard?
2. Read 1 Samuel 17. How do Saul and the Israelites respond to Goliath? How does David? What attitudes and/or convictions were necessary for David to take the approach he did with Goliath?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16–18. What exhortation does Paul bring when it comes to dealing with that which discourages us, including our enemies? How can we focus on that which is unseen? How does David do that? How can we?
4. Read Matthew 1:1–17. See if you can pick out some of the unlikely ancestors from Jesus's genealogy. Understanding that many of these characters were deeply flawed, what does that tell us about God's plan to save humanity?
5. Spend a few moments bringing your enemy to God by praying through Psalm 3. Read it two or three times, then pray with your eyes open as you work through it one phrase at a time. Make the words your own. And invite God to help you see like David. End with Psalm 3:8 and rejoice in God who offers salvation through his Son, Jesus!