I. David’s Story – The God Who Prevails: A Story Without an Ending, 1 Samuel 16 ff.

 A. David’s Story Reveals the Symmetry of All History

 1. The 14-14-14 Principle of History Applied Here: Matthew 1:17

 B. The World According to the Newspaper or The World According to the Word

 1. History: The Most Important Course in a Christian School

 2. History: The Most Important Course in a Family’s Story

II. Saul – The Prelude to David’s Story: NB 1 Samuel 13 – 15

 A. The Disobedience Factor

 B. Disobedience by any other name is Disobedience: 1 Samuel 15:20-22

 1. The Framework of God’s Plan: Absolutes

 a. Compare Jesus and Conversation with the Rich Young Ruler: Mark 10:18

III. David and Goliath – 1 Samuel 17

 A. Portrayal of how Providence Looks: God allows us to see His Plan

 B. Personification of Paradox

 1. The Truth in Contrast

 C. A Slinger who became a Swinger – The Big Picture

 1. A Lop-sided Conflict

 a. Life is Full of Them

 D. Spiritual Balderdash

 1. You Say, But God Says

 a. Life Lived in the Light of God’s Word

 E. Faith-Based Dialog

 1. God’s War College: 1 Samuel 17:47

 a. Biblical Examples

 (1) Jesus’ Example: Christus Victor

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

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| 1. Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;Hark, how the heavenly anthem drownsAll music but its own!Awake, my soul, and singOf Him who died for thee,And hail Him as thy matchless KingThrough all eternity. | **2.** Crown Him the Lord of love;Behold His hands and side,Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified;No angel in the skyCan fully bear that sight,But downward bends his burning eyeAt mysteries so bright. |