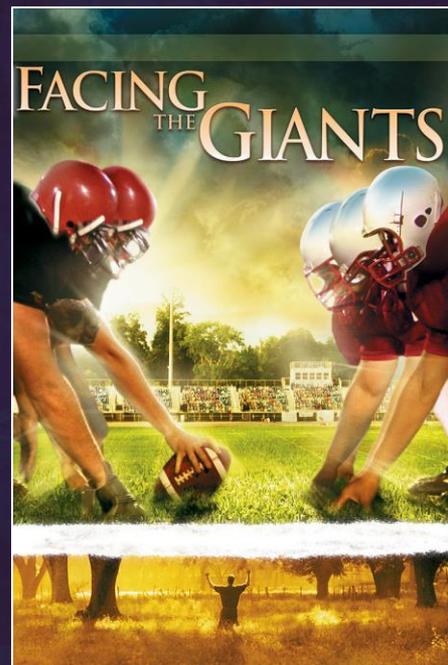
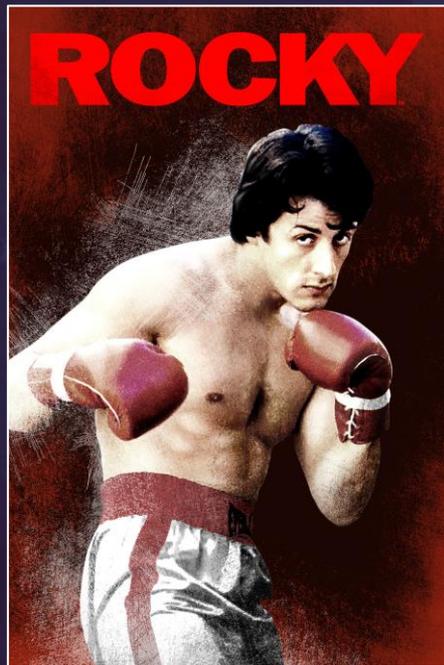
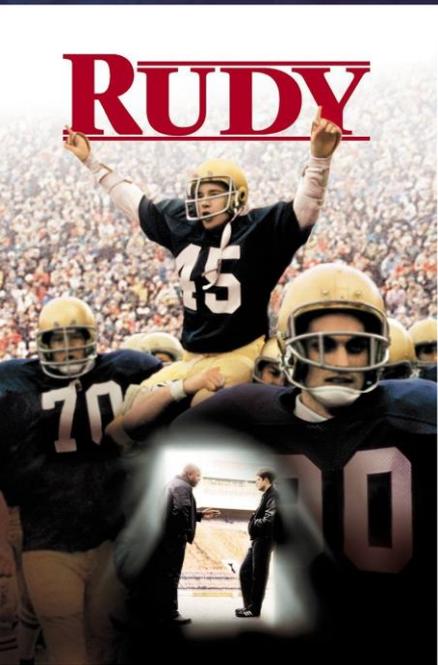


***“Hope that is Unchanging and Secure”***



***Without God on their side, there is no hope***

***“Early in the morning David left the flock with a shepherd, loaded up and set out as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other.”***

***1 Samuel 17:20-21***

*We are rarely Prepared for the fight*

***You must decide how you will respond***

***“As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. When the Israelites saw the man, they all ran from him in great fear. Now the Israelites had been saying, “Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his father’s family from taxes in Israel.” David asked the men standing near him, “What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?”***

***1 Samuel 17:23-26;32-37***

***“David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”***

***Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth.”***

***But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”***

***Hope comes from remembering God's faithfulness***



***“Then Saul dressed David in his (Saul’s) own tunic. He put his coat of armor on him, and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not use to them. “I cannot go in these, “ he said to Saul, “because I am not use to them, So he took them off.”***

***V. 38 & 39***

*Be who God created YOU to BE*

***“Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.***

***<sup>41</sup> Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. <sup>42</sup> He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. <sup>43</sup> He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!”***

***45 David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”***

***1 Samuel 17: 40 - 47***

***“If God is for us, who can be against us?”***

***Romans 8:31b***

***Hope comes from depending on God***

***“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, against authorities, against powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil .....*”**

***Ephesians 6:12***

***“David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine’s sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.”***

***52 Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath<sup>[f]</sup> and to the gates of Ekron.”***

***1 Samuel 17:51-52***

***HOPE is CONTAGIOUS***