

David Part 5 | David & Goliath | Pastor Steve | 09.01.2019
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Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 17:50

“So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword.”

1 Samuel 17:1-31

The Israelites arrived for battle and ended up afraid when confronted by Goliath.

- Have you ever felt ready --only to be afraid by something you didn't expect?
- Have you had a giant in your life that you were terrified to face? What did you do?

The army lived in fear while Goliath taunted them for 40 days. Twice a day Goliath shouted at the army while they ran away in fear.

- Where was the focus of the army?

David was upset to hear Goliath defy the army of God. He was willing to stand up, ask questions, and fight for God.

- Where was David's focus?
- When faced with your own giants—do you tend to focus on God or the giant (problem)?
- Do you see a difference in the outcome when your focus is on God and not the problem?
- When given the chance are you willing to stand up, ask questions, and fight for God?
 - Give an example of a time you have done one of these—or about a time that would/will call for these actions.

1 Samuel 17:32-51

David was confident going into battle that the Lord was with him. He fully trusted that God would deliver--and this gave him courage and the confidence he needed to fight Goliath.

- Are you confident that God is with you always and during battles in your own life?

David could not fight Goliath with the weapons and armor the army used. God equipped David with the training and skills he would need to defeat the giant. He did not need to change and be like anyone else to accomplish the job God had for him. He was prepared by God for a purpose.

- What has God done in your past to prepare you for an event or task that has happened in your life?
- What has God done in your past/present to prepare you for the future?

David gave all the glory to God before going to battle.

- When going into your own battle(s)-do you give praise to God before? How?

1 Samuel 17:52-58

After the battle, King Saul wants to know more about David and keep him closer than before.

- Why do you think King Saul wants to know more about David's father?

1 Samuel 17

- How does this story make you feel?
- Share something you didn't know about this story that you do now.
- Is there anything in this story that you've heard before but stood out differently to you today?
- Share and reflect about a time when God conquered a giant in your life.