

David & Goliath

Character studies- Life of King David: David Fights a Giant 1 Samuel 17

SLIDE 1 King David- Background

- David was the youngest of his 8 brothers
- God sent the Prophet Samuel to Jesse's home to choose from his 8 sons a King. The oldest was tall, handsome and Samuel thought it was him, but **God told Samuel that He does not look at the outside but at the heart.**
- **The heart is the steering wheel of your life, it's what drives you, it is where your desires and passions, good or bad are held.**
- David was a Shepherd boy, he would protect his sheep from lions and bears and would sing to his sheep. This was a preparation time for all that God wanted to do in David's life. David would become a king and great warrior and having fought lions and bears that prepared him for battle. He would write many psalms which was the Jewish and Christian song book, and would play his instruments to calm King Saul.

SLIDE 2 Story

One day David was taking some food to his brothers who were in battle and was to bring back news about his 3 brothers who were in a battle to his Father Jesse.

- There was a giant named Goliath who was 9 ft 9 inches tall, his armor weighed 125 lbs and his spear weighed 15 lbs. who was taunting the Israelites to come and fight him. The Israelite army was very afraid of the giant.
- *He said bring out your best fighter to fight me and if you win we will become your slaves and if we win you will become our slaves.*
- King Saul had offered to whomever would kill the giant riches, his daughter and that his family would not have to pay taxes.
- David listened and said "who is this Philistine that he defies the armies of the living God". His older brothers told him to be quiet and to go back and take care of his sheep.
- King Saul heard what David said and called David into his tent. King Saul told David you are just a youth and this giant is an experienced fighter.
- **SLIDE 3** David said I will go and fight this giant, when a lion or bear would take one of his sheep in its mouth I would fight the lion and bear and God would

deliver my sheep. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear and this Philistine will be like one of them, seeing the giant has defied the armies of the living God.

- David went on to say, “*the Lord who delivered me from the lion and the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine*”.
- So King Saul told him to go and offered him his armor but it was too big for David. So he grabbed his sling shot and five smooth stones and proceeded to go fight the giant.
- The giant saw little David and his red cheeks and said what am I a dog, that you come to fight me with sticks?
- David said, “*Come to me and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field*’.

SLIDE 4 1 Samuel 17:45-47 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands."

- **My hope is in a God who says the battle is His. He has never lost yet. Ben Courson**
- **SLIDE 5** Then the giant moved toward David and David grabbed a stone from his pouch and put it in his sling shot and let the stone loose. It sank deep into the giant's forehead and he fell over dead.
- David ran over to the dead giant and pulled his sword out and cut off his head. When the Philistines saw it they ran away while the army of Israel chased them.
- David took the giant's armor and put it in his tent and took the head to Jerusalem.
- King Saul's commander Abner called for David to appear before Saul, and David still had the head of the giant in his hand.

Slide 6 Application to your lives

God does not look at the outside but at the heart - God cares about what's in your heart - your passions and desires need to be in accordance with God's will. So we need to get our passions and desires right.

Preparation time for what God wants to do in your life. Make the most of every opportunity including your time at New Life.

Your faith can overcome the giant of the trauma in your life.

We need to believe God for great things and attempt great things for God. Then we will have more confidence in God as we step out in faith and see God work. **Gospel**

Questions

How big was the giant? 9ft 9 inches

What proposition did the giant Goliath make to the armies of Israel? Loser becomes their slaves.

How did the giant die, by what weapon? Sling shot to forehead

What did David do after he killed the giant? Cut off his head and put his armor in his tent

1st- What was the preparation time for David to be able to fight the giant? He had fought lions and bears as a shepherd of sheep.

1st- What did King Saul offer to the man who would kill the giant- 3 things? Riches, his daughter and no taxes.