

# Five Smooth Stones to Kill Your Goliaths

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## Introduction:

**1 Samuel 17** records David and Goliath. The background is important as Saul was the present King of Israel and David had been anointed to be the next King. Goliath for forty days challenges anyone from Israel who dared to fight him, to do so. We know the rest as David volunteers to go and face Goliath. Let me make some points and Goliath and David from this account but also some application to us today.

### I) The Battle

#### A) Goliath

1. Goliath was real and not the figment of someone's imagination
  - a. The children of Israel went out to observe him for forty days, **1 Samuel 17.16**
  - b. This is important because some seem to think this man is a made-up figure.
2. Goliath was a formidable foe, **1 Samuel 17.4-7**
  - a. His height, 9 ft. 4 inches or possibly 10ft. 10 inches.
  - b. The weight of his armor was about 200 lbs., the spear of his javelin was about 25 lbs.
  - c. He was an accomplished, seasoned warrior, **1 Samuel 17.11, 33**

3. Goliath could be and was conquered, **1 Samuel 17.49,50**

## **B) David**

1. Took five smooth stones and his slingshot, **1 Samuel 17.40**
2. The sling was an accurate weapon in the hand of the right person, **Judges 20.16**
3. Smooth stones, better for throwing, travel faster, the best stones.
4. Five smooth stones was apparently what David thought he needed. Why?
  - a. Did not know how many he needed to kill Goliath.
  - b. Goliath was not the only giant among the Philistines, as there were four other giants as we know of, **2 Samuel 21.16, 18, 21,22.**

## **II) Application**

### **A) We all have our Goliaths to face**

1. Self-doubt, depression, drugs and addiction, lack of faith, etc.
2. Paul referred to his thorn in the flesh, **2 Corinthians 12.7.**
  - a. Christians faced persecution, false teachers, famine and poverty.

- b. Most but not all of our Goliaths are from within.

## **B) Five Stones to kill our Goliaths**

1. Reliance on God, **1 Samuel 17.26, 37, 46**
  - a. What mattered was not the size of Goliath but the size of God.
  - b. God promised to be with Israel if they were faithful, **Deut. 20.4; 28.7**
  - c. So, how big is God in your eyes?
2. Practice, working, developing yourself, David wasn't some young boy who never did anything.
  - a. He killed a lion and a bear, **1 Samuel 17.34-36**
  - b. Success is due to practice, learning to do better, learning not to fail.
  - c. One time a man called and spoke of his desire to preach. I asked what classes he was teaching, how many invitations he had given, etc.
3. Commitment- David got involved, **1 Samuel 17.32**
  - a. He did not look around and allow others determine his actions, he just did it.
  - b. What is commitment? Determination, willingness to make sacrifices, to pay the cost. **Phil. 1.20**
4. Prayer, **2 Samuel 7.18-29**
  - a. Talking to God and asking for His help, for

wisdom, for courage, to accept our circumstances, etc. ***Ephesians 6.18***

- b. Those dealing with an addiction, prayer for strength and courage to overcome temptation and the strength to get back up when they fall.
5. The word of God, ***Ephesians 6.13***.
- a. We are told to put on the whole armor of God in ***Ephesians 6*** because we are waging a battle for our souls.
  - b. David was not able to use the armor of Saul for he had not tested it, ***1 Samuel 17.39***
  - c. But David was skillful in knowing God. We need to be skilled in knowing God through His word.

### **Conclusion:**

Goliaths are real, they can be powerful, but God is more powerful. With God's help we can overcome. With Christ we can overcome sin and have the reward of heaven.