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David and Goliath!

Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 16-17

Focus Verses: 1 Samuel 16:1, 13 - ¹And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Truth About Covenant: Jesus is the Son of David, fulfilling the covenantal promises spoken to David.

Covenant Context: In the previous lesson we saw how King Saul's pride and rebellion eventually cost him the throne. As we continue through the Historical Book of the Bible, we discover God was already establishing His new covenant with David. God kept His promise that David would always have a descendant on the throne through the man Christ Jesus, who was heralded in the New Testament as the son of David.

God's new plan of redemption. He is never without a plan. That is why nothing takes Him by surprise. When Saul—the man who was first crowned king in Israel's monarchy—made shipwreck of his life and reign, God was already prepared to move forward with a new plan and a new man who would rule over Israel. This time, God would not choose a king who looked regal by man's standards (like Saul), but one whose heart reflected the very nature of God.

God sent Samuel to Jesse's Bethlehem home and he presented his seven sons before Samuel. Yet one by one, each son was rejected by the voice of God. Samuel was confused. He asked if there was another son somewhere. The family reluctantly mentioned the youngest. David was not even deemed worthy for the significant moment. When David entered the room, God spoke yet again: *"Arise, anoint him: for this is he"* (1 Samuel 16:12) and it had spiritually saturated his heart. Imagine the gasps of surprise when the elderly prophet turned the horn of oil upside down over David's head. But God could see in David's heart what others could not. God is never surprised.

This lesson is clear for us and is in perfect harmony with the admonition in the New Testament Book of 1 Peter. Would you do a great work for our great God? *"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time"* (1 Peter 5:6). Anyone God exalts and promotes must come to God humble and stay humble.

David's destiny was never in question. God firmly established it when He dispatched Samuel to Jesse's home with the anointing oil. *"And the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward"* (1 Samuel 16:13). David could not have imagined the "giant" steps God would ask him to take to get to the throne. His father sent him to check on his three oldest brothers in the battle—Eliab, Abinadab, and Shammah. The mighty army of the Philistines was arrayed for battle on one side, while Saul's army cowered on the other. Upon David's arrival and hearing the verbal threats of this pagan Philistine, David's actions distinguished him from the rest of the army. They ran away from the challenge; David ran toward it. David killed Goliath with only five smooth stones, but he held within his heart an unshakable faith in his unfailing God. His triumph over Goliath remains one of the most iconic moments in the life of any biblical personality.

Facing our enemies with confidence should not be so difficult, given that God's record is perfect. We cannot point to any time in our lives when God has failed any one of us. Consequently, you would think trusting God would be easy, but it is not. **Sometimes we fall prey to the trap of comparing ourselves to the giant rather than comparing the giant to our God.** Since God is directing our steps, we can boldly conquer any enemy, knowing that the one we trust is mightier than the one we face.

Given the royal turnover rate, this promise of God to David may have seemed quite peculiar: *"And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever"* (2 Samuel 7:16). The promise to David of an everlasting covenant did not reference an earthly kingdom. The Messiah would arise from David's descendants, and Jesus Christ's throne is indeed eternal. In the New Covenant—this new spiritual kingdom—there is but one King, and He is the offspring of David. Jesus Christ, the Savior, is the fulfillment of God's eternal covenant He faithfully made with David. Jesus Christ, reigns in the hearts of those who trust in Him. He offers forgiveness of sins and redemption through His royal mercy and grace. **No king is like our King, and we, His servants, are called to proclaim His message to the world.**