

## **7-16-2025 – Journey with King David – Week 2**

Story of David's life: 1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2

**Story of David & Goliath. Known since childhood. Put David on the map.**

This story is often used to inspire fight. . . cheer for the underdog.

Truly, it teaches us about faith, triumph, and God.

**Valley of Elah.** Goliath/Philistines pitched camp at Sokoh. Israel - Valley.

Goliath, 9 ft tall. Full armor. Taunting them. **Read vs. 8-12**

<sup>8</sup>Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. "Why are you all coming out to fight?" he called. "I am the Philistine champion, but **you are only the servants of Saul**. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! <sup>9</sup>If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! <sup>10</sup>I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!" <sup>11</sup>When Saul and the Israelites heard this, **they were terrified and deeply shaken**.

**Lot at stake.** Be their subjects, serve the winner. Reward.

Goliath is wrong. Not "**only servants of Saul**" **Servants of God!**  
**Important story – b/c we face things that terrify us. Shake us/ core.**

v. 16 says this goes on, every morning & evening for **40 days**. Standstill.

**Fear** will make you run . . . or **stand still**. Stuck. . . . make excuses.

Jesse sends David / 10 loaves of bread to bros. 10 cheeses to their Capt.

David goes, delivers the goods to keeper of supplies ... goes to bros.

**Read. vs. 23 - 29**

<sup>23</sup>As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came out from the Philistine ranks. Then David heard him shout his usual taunt to the army of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright. <sup>25</sup>"Have you seen the giant?" the men asked. "He comes out each day to defy Israel. The king has offered a huge reward to anyone who kills him. He will give that man one of his daughters for a wife, and the man's entire family will be exempted from paying taxes!"

<sup>26</sup> David asked the soldiers standing nearby, “What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?” <sup>27</sup> And these men gave David the same reply. They said, “Yes, that is the reward for killing him.”

<sup>28</sup> But when David’s oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. “What are you doing around here anyway?” he demanded. “What about those few sheep you’re supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!”

<sup>29</sup> “What have I done now?” David replied. “I was only asking a question!”

David’s oldest bro is angry. Belittling. Bitter. **Doesn’t know his heart at all.**

There are **people just like that in our lives.** They **don’t know us.**

Eliab’s heart? Fear. Puts that on D. Feels big by putting D. down.

**Recognize it.** But don’t own it. Don’t adopt it. They don’t know.

Eliab isn’t just dealing w/ Philistine giant... got an **internal battle going on:**

- **Insecurity** will cause us to say hurtful things. No confidence to step up to fight, but wants everyone else on sidelines, too.
- **Pride** will lead you to chase away people who can help.
- **Guilt at play, too.** Defeated attitude, but not even trying.

We don’t want people to watch us fail. Eliab expects to fail.

Eliab sees before him a **big Giant.** And **he feels small.**

David’s only a boy. . . small. But knows history. He knows what God can do.

**Goliath is big, but God is bigger.** That’s **faith.**

**Faith is trusting in what you know . . . who you know.**

Bible is full of stories of assurance. **God does the impossible.**

We’ve all got our own Giants.

W/o faith . . . you’ll be stuck. 40 days, same.

Stop listening to negative voices. Bitter ones. Guilt. Be like Eliab.

David's questioning gets back to Saul, and Saul sends for David.

<sup>32</sup> "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!"

<sup>33</sup> "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth."

<sup>34</sup> But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. <sup>36</sup> I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! <sup>37</sup> The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the Lord be with you!"

David has faith - not in himself - God. God rescues. He knows it. He's lived it.

- Think back in your life . . . **God proves himself.** Jesus did too.  
(Let miracles be evidence of who He was). **It's not blind faith.**
- **We are saved from problem after problem so we build trust.**

Read vs. 38 – 40. NIV. <sup>38</sup> Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. <sup>39</sup> David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. <sup>40</sup> 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.

Think about this – David's going to a sword fight w/ a slingshot.

- Saul wants David to wear coat of armor. But David is a Shepherd.  
**You have to be you.** Stay true to who you are.

**And remember: God doesn't need a lot to do a lot. David gets just 5 stones.**

Goliath is insulted. Curses David.

B/c Goliath cursed at David, Goliath was cursed.

**Gen. 12:3** – I will bless those who bless you, & whoever curses you I will curse

<sup>45</sup> David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! <sup>47</sup> And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord’s battle, and he will give you to us!”

<sup>48</sup> As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. <sup>49</sup> Reaching into his shepherd’s bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground.

<sup>50</sup> So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword. <sup>51</sup> Then David ran over and pulled Goliath’s sword from its sheath. David used it to kill him and cut off his head.

**Goliath is killed by his own sword.** When he goes down, the Philistines run. Israelites then rushes forward, pursues them, and are victorious.

## **2 things to remember**

### **1 – David had to move forward & use his slingshot.**

We prefer to pray the giants away. God often works thru people.

- Once David stepped forward, others followed.

### **2 – Odds of David hitting his forehead – one place w/ no armor – slim/none**

But God still does the impossible. God’s work is seen best when the odds are against you . . . then you know it was God, not u.

**God doesn’t need a lot to do a lot. David had 5 stones. Used only one.**

- **Never doubt** that **God is greater** than your giants.
- **Never doubt** that God **still can work thru you/ impossible.**
- **Never doubt** that God can **change your situation.**
  - Are you like **Eliab? Living defeated? On the sidelines?**
  - Maybe **Saul?** Israel’s champion gave in to fear. Lack of Faith.
  - **Or like David? Trusting in God for triumph? Believing.**

<sup>55</sup> As Saul watched David go out to fight the Philistine, he asked Abner, the commander of his army, “Abner, whose son is this young man?” “I really don’t know,” Abner declared.

<sup>56</sup> “Well, find out who he is!” the king told him.

<sup>57</sup> As soon as David returned from killing Goliath, Abner brought him to Saul with the Philistine’s head still in his hand. <sup>58</sup> “Tell me about your father, young man,” Saul said.

And David replied, “His name is Jesse, and we live in Bethlehem.”

**It’s more important that people know our Father... know God, not us.**

**1 Samuel 17.** David was anointed to be future King of Israel in ch. 16.

An enigma . . . is David unknown to King Saul?

Doesn’t really matter. This might be how David was known to Saul’s servants and then brought to play the harp and live in the palace. But – the timing of the event is not as important as the event itself.

And it’s an event we all need to know. **We need Faith.**