

The Life of David Facebook Live Bible Study  
Lesson 2, October 30, 2019

David and Goliath  
Read 1 Samuel 17

Read 1 Samuel 17:1 - 11

As this chapter opens, what is the greatest problem facing the children of Israel?

When the Almighty has pledged to help you, you need not care how big your enemies are.

Read 1 Samuel 17:12-30

What is the difference now between David and his brothers?

What do you learn about Eliab from his reaction to David's arrival?

What do you learn about David from his reaction to Eliab's accusations?

Read 1 Samuel 17:31-51

There are some beautiful spiritual principles here. Little battles in life get us ready for the big battles. Private victories prepare you for public victories.

How did David defeat Goliath? By using his own slingshot. David was smart enough to realize that he would make a huge mistake to try to do what God wanted him to do in someone else's armor.

Read 1 Samuel 17:52 - 58

Often we try to do God's work to please people. We try to copy others and do what they're doing. But when God has given you a gift, a skill, an opportunity, don't underestimate God's power in you, doing it the way he's gifted you.

Use your own slingshot. It may not be the conventional way to do things; others may tell you it won't work. But if that's how God is leading you, don't be intimidated by what others think. Go with what God has given you.

David had to be able to kill Goliath, because that was the deed that propelled him to eventually become the King. It made his reputation and paved the way for God's plan for him. But it began in those lonely fields, shooting stones from a slingshot day in and day out, and learning how to kill big enemies in unconventional ways.

Where are you now? In the fields, all alone, being prepared by God for what is coming?

Maybe you're on the battlefield and Goliath is staring at you, taunting you. Are you tempted to do it in someone else's armor?

Maybe the battle's over and you are victorious. Remember what David said before he fought Goliath: "All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give all of you into our hands."

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