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The Story Of A "Giant Killer" (1 Samuel 17)

Introduction

Sometimes, the young lead the old. Faith & trust that should be solid staples among the more experienced is lacking. Along comes a "fresh face" with conviction in the Lord and His power. In what may be one of the most well-known O.T. stories, a young man battled a paganistic & intimidating behemoth. David's great victory over Goliath gave him his first opportunity to publicly display his courage and faith in God. Such a faith-building story helps us today...we have our own "Goliaths" to battle. We can win just like David did.

Read the story and be prepared to answer the following questions.

- 1) Once again, who was Israel's enemy? (vv. 1-3)

- 2) Who is mentioned in v. 4a? Describe him. (vv. 4b-7) What were his "tactics?" (v. 8a) What was his challenge? (vv. 8b-10) How did it affect Israel? (v. 11) How long did he do this? (v. 16)

- 3) What had Jesse instructed David to do? (vv. 17-19) What was David's reaction to the situation Goliath was creating? (vv. 20b-27) Who rebuked David? (v. 28) Overall, what sort of "reception" did David receive? (v. 30)

- 4) Who requested to see David? (v. 31) What did David tell the king? (v. 32) What did Saul think of David's "offer?" (v. 33) How did David respond? (vv. 34-36a)

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- 5) What gave David his “confidence?” (vv. 36b-37) What did Saul offer him? (v. 38) What was David’s opinion of Saul’s gift? (v. 39)

- 6) What weapons did David select? (v. 40) *Thought question:* what was David’s real weapon?

- 7) What did Goliath think of the Israelite who had accepted his challenge? (vv. 41-44) How did David respond? (vv. 45-46a)

- 8) For what 2 reasons did David engage Goliath in battle? (vv. 46b-47; cp. v. 25)

- 9) How did the battle fare? (vv. 48-51a) How did the results affect the Philistines? (v. 51b) The Israelites? (vv. 52-53)

- 10) Consider **Eph. 6:10-18** as a “parallel” text. Thinking about David’s actions in this story, how does Paul teach us similar lessons?