

David: Life Lessons

Week 2 – The Battle Belongs to the Lord
(1 Samuel 17:1-58)

OPENING QUESTION

Do we see the battle in light of the Lord?

KEY VERSE

“And this whole assembly will know that it is not by sword or by spear that the LORD saves, for the battle is the LORD’s. He will hand you over to us.” – 1 Samuel 17:47

THE STORY UNFOLDS

1. Israel sees the giant but forgets the Lord.

(1 Samuel 17:1-11)

Life Lesson: Fear becomes dangerous when the threat becomes larger in our eyes than the Lord.

2. David hears defiance against the living God.

(1 Samuel 17:12-27)

Israel saw a military problem.

David saw a God problem.

Life lesson: Faith sees the situation in light of the Lord.

3. David is misunderstood, but he remains concerned for God’s honor. (1 Samuel 17:28-30)

Life Lesson: Faithfulness may be misunderstood, but God’s honor must remain our concern.

4. Saul trusts armor, but David trusts the Lord.

(1 Samuel 17:31-40)

Life Lesson: God often uses hidden places to prepare His people for visible usefulness.

5. Goliath boasts in strength, but David comes in the Lord’s name. (1 Samuel 17:41-47)

Life Lesson: The battle is not ultimately about **our strength**, but about **the Lord's power**.

6. The Lord saves through **His chosen servant**.
(1 Samuel 17: 48-54)

Life Lesson: The Lord saves His people through **the servant He chooses**.

7. The deliverer comes from the place **no one expected**.
(1 Samuel 17: 55-58)

Life Lesson: God often works through people and places **the world would overlook**.

THE STORY UNFOLDS

What is true?

The battle **belongs to the Lord**, and He saves His people for His glory through **His chosen servant**.

What should we do?

Trust the Lord more than **visible strength**. Stand for His glory, and obey Him **with courage**.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

David stood for Israel **in the valley**,
but Jesus stood for sinners **at the cross**.

David won **a temporary victory**,
but Jesus won **an eternal victory forever**.

APPLICATION

1. Measure the battle **by the Lord**.
2. Remember God's faithfulness **in hidden places**.
3. Seek God's glory above **your own safety**.

CLOSING TRUTH

Because the battle belongs to the Lord, God's people must **trust His power** more than **human strength** and seek **His glory** above their **own safety**.