



“King Jesus, the Giant Killer”
1 Samuel 17:1–58

I. INTRODUCTION

II. THE TEXT

A challenge (vv. 1–11)

A champion (vv. 12–40)

A conquest (vv. 41–58)

The Common Application

Be brave like David, and with God’s help you, too, can overcome impossible odds.

Hebrews 11:32–34 – “...For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms.... were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.”

David and Goliath is not primarily a morality tale; it’s about how God’s king fights for God’s people.

III. DAVID THE FAITH-FILLED KING

Deuteronomy 31:3 – “The Lord your God himself will go over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, so that you shall dispossess them...”

David is a great king because he trusts in the promises and the power of God.

IV. DAVID THE RIGHTFUL KING

1 Samuel 16:7 – “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

David succeeded where Saul failed, showing he is the better king.

V. DAVID THE CHRISTLIKE KING

David is a type of Christ. He points forward to what Jesus is going to do.

Three similarities between Jesus and David & Goliath:

- 1) An invincible enemy
- 2) An anointed champion
- 3) An unexpected victory

John 10:11 – “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

David points forward to a future King who defeated the giants that we never could.

David and Goliath is not really a story about us. It’s about Jesus.

VI. APPLICATION

Romans 8:37 – “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

1. Remind yourself of God’s promises.

- In loneliness: “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5)
- In hopelessness: “He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:6)
- In anxiety: “my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)
- In addiction: “if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)
- In suffering: “for those who love God, all things work together for good.” (Romans 8:28)

2. Look beyond outward appearances.

3. Bring your battles to the Lord.

Discussion Questions

1. What did you find new, helpful, or confusing about today’s message?
2. What are some ways that you’ve heard the David and Goliath story explained or applied?
What is its relevance for us as New Testament Christians?
3. Although a king, David is a great example of faith (Hebrews 11:44). In what ways can we emulate David’s faith? Are there any ways that we CAN’T emulate David’s faith?
4. In your own life, what is the practical difference between fighting your own battles and letting God fight for you?
5. What’s one specific step you can take this week to remind yourself of the victory Christ won for us?