

“The Champion”
(1 Samuel Ch. 17)

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For every Problem, God has a Provision.

For every Battle, God has a Blessing.

For every Giant, God has a Rock.

For every Sinner, God provides a Champion.

For every Conflict:

1. The Context (1 Samuel 15:1-35)

- King Saul's disobedience (1 Samuel 15:8-9)**
- Samuel rebukes King Saul (vs. 13-27)**
- King Saul rejected by God (vs. 26)**

²²Samuel said,
“Has the LORD as much delight in burnt
offerings and sacrifices
As in obeying the voice of the LORD?
Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,
And to heed than the fat of rams.

For every Conflict:

2. The Contest (1 Samuel 17:1-58)

- Choose a champion (representative) (17:4,8)**
- Goliath (9 feet, 9 inches tall, 175 pounds of armor, he weighed between 500 to 700 pounds (17:4-7)**
- David - “I will go” (17:32)**



³¹When the words which David spoke were heard, they told them to Saul, and he sent for him.

³²David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail on account of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.” ³³Then Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you

are but a youth while he has been a warrior from his youth.”³⁴ But David said to Saul, “Your servant was tending his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock,³⁵ I went out after him and attacked him, and rescued it from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized him by his

beard and struck him and killed him. ³⁶Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God.” ³⁷And David said, “The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He

will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.”
And Saul said to David, “Go, and may the LORD
be with you.”³⁸ Then Saul clothed David with his
garments and put a bronze helmet on his head,
and he clothed him with armor.³⁹ David girded his
sword over his armor and tried to walk, for he
had not tested them.

So David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.” And David took them off. ⁴⁰He took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd’s bag which he had, even in his pouch, and his sling was in his hand; and he approached the

Philistine. ⁴¹Then the Philistine came on and approached David, with the shield-bearer in front of him. ⁴²When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, with a handsome appearance. ⁴³The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?”

And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

⁴⁴The Philistine also said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field.” ⁴⁵Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of

hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. ⁴⁶This day the LORD will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that

all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD'S and He will give you into our hands.” ⁴⁸Then it happened when the Philistine rose and came and drew near to meet David, that David ran

quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.⁴⁹ And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a stone and slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face to the ground.⁵⁰ Thus David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone,

and he struck the Philistine and killed him; but there was no sword in David's hand. ⁵¹Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. ⁵²The men of Israel and

Judah arose and shouted and pursued the Philistines as far as the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the slain Philistines lay along the way to Shaaraim, even to Gath and Ekron.⁵³ The sons of Israel returned from chasing the Philistines and plundered their camps.⁵⁴ Then David took the Philistine's head and brought it

Principles for Victory and Points of Application:

- 1. The principle of participation (17:33)**
 - You're never too young to serve the Lord and make a difference.**
 - God isn't looking for great ability. He is looking for availability.**

Principles for Victory and Points of Application:

2. The principle of preparation (vs. 34-37)

- David's life as a shepherd helped prepare him to be a soldier for the Lord.**

**It's the smaller battles in life that prepare us for
the giants we will encounter.**

¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is
dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not
carry out the desire of the flesh.

**David was prepared by the Spirit and he was
perfected by his daily responsibilities
along with the battles of life.**

**It's the small victories that
prepare us for the big battles.**

Principles for Victory and Points of Application:

3. The principle of perspective (17:38-40)

- Through whose lens are you viewing life?**
- Lens of criticism, inadequacy, rejection—
or the lens of faith, scripture, and God?**

⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

**A Spirit-filled believer measures circumstances
by God's viewpoint and the lens of scripture.**

**David saw a blasphemer defying his God, the
God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!**

Principles for Victory and Points of Application:

- 4. The principle of victory—In Christ, you have a Champion! (vs. 45-54)**
 - “For the battle is the Lord’s.” (v. 47b)**
 - Jesus is the Champion who defeated sin, Satan, sorrow, and death!**

Sermon in a Sentence:
In Christ, you have a Champion!

Application:

- 1. How is the enemy taunting you and seeking to destroy your faith and witness for the Lord? Who are you listening to: the voices of your giants, or the voice of God?**
- 2. Take a look to see where you are in the story of David and Goliath. Are you criticizing God's work like David's brothers, or disobeying the scriptures like King Saul, or defying the Lord like Goliath, or trusting in God and defending God, like David?**

Application:

3. Faith@Home: Discuss the principles of victory with a friend or as a family. Which ones resonate most with you? How do you need to apply the principles of victory this week?

4. Spend some extra time worshiping God for sending you a Champion in Jesus who defeated sin, Satan, sorrow, and death on your behalf! Rest in His provision and do not be afraid!