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Samuel (Rise of the King) - Lesson 26
The Battle Belongs to the LORD (1 Samuel 17:31-58)

I. DAVID BEFORE SAUL (1 Samuel 17:31-40)

Courage among the frightened

- David words reached **SAUL (1)**
- The king summoned David
- David offered to go fight Goliath
- Courage confronted fear

Supporting Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:19-20.

A battle David shouldn't win

- David had **NO (2)** military experience
- Goliath was a seasoned warrior
- Saul recognized the disadvantage
- Human ability appeared to be insufficient for David

Prepared in the Pasture

- David faithfully guarded the sheep
- Predators would threaten the sheep
- David pursued and rescued the sheep when taken captive
- He would kill the **PREDATOR (3)**
- His experience prepared him for battle

The True deliverer

- David recalls his past victories over bears and lions
- He credits the **LORD (4)** with the victory
- Goliath had defiled God's armies
- David's faith rested in God, not his own ability

Saul gives permission

- Saul permitted David to **FIGHT (5)** Goliath
- The king invoked the Lord in his permission
- David accepted the assignment
- The shepherd versus the giant

Saul's Armor

- Saul offered his military **ARMOR (6)**
- David attempted to wear it
- The armor was too big and unfamiliar
- David chose not to wear the armor
- He chose a different approach

Faith prepares

- David's selected **FIVE (7)** smooth stones
- He carried is shepherd's staff
- His sling was a familiar weapon
- He approached Goliath

Four More Giants of Gath

- Ishi-benob – Killed by Abishai
- Saph (Sippai) – Killed by Sibbecai
- Lahmi – Goliath's brother, killed by Elhanan
- Unnamed Giant – had 24 fingers & toes, killed by Jonathan
- All descendants of Rapha

David before Saul

- Faith remembers God's faithfulness
- David stepped up despite danger
- He remembered God's **PAST (8)** deliverance
- He refused the unfamiliar equipment
- He prepared with a proven skill
- He trusted the Lord for the outcome

II. DAVID BEFORE GOLIATH (1 Samuel 17:41-47)

Goliath sees a boy

- Goliath approaches with his shield-bearer
- He looks at David's **APPEARANCE (9)**
- David looks young and inexperienced
- Goliath despised David (Looked down on him)

Scripture Connection

- 1 Samual 16:7 – Man looks at outward appearance
- Isaiah 53:2-3 – The coming Messiah would be despised and rejected
- Mark 6:3 – Jesus dismissed as ordinary carpenter

Contempt → Curse

- Goliath mocked David's chosen weapons
- He **CURSED (10)** David by his gods
- He threatened David with death
- His confidence was with himself

2 Warriors – 2 sources

- Goliath's full trust was in his weapons
- David's full trust was in the Lord's name
- Goliath relied on military **STRENGTH (11)**
- David relied on divine power

It Was God's Honor

- Goliath had **DEFIED (12)** God's armies
- David recognizes the greater offense
- God's name was being dishonored
- The battle was bigger than David

Greater purpose

- The Lord would give the victory
- Goliath's threat would be reversed
- The Philistines would be defeated
- The **WORLD (13)** would know Israel's God

Battle Belongs to God

- Victory does not depend on weapons
- The Lord is Israel's Deliverer
- The entire **ASSEMBLY (14)** (Israel) must understand
- The battle belongs to the Lord

Faith → National Victory

- David speaks of Israel's deliverance
- God's victory extends beyond David
- **ONE (15)** representative faces the enemy
- The nation will share in the results (good or bad)

Faith speaks confidence

- Goliath trust his own equipment
- Davied trusted the Lord of Armies
- David defended **GOD'S (16)** honor
- The victory would reveal God's power
- The battle belong to the Lord

III. DAVID DEFEATS GOLIATH (1 Samuel 17:48-51)

David runs to battle

- Goliath advanced toward David
- David **RAN (17)** to meet him
- There was no hesitation or second thought
- Faith became an action

One Stone – One Kill

- David reached into his bag
- Pulled out one stone
- Released the single stone with his slingshot
- Hit Goliath in the **FOREHEAD (18)**
- Goliath fell face down

Giant falls facedown

- Goliath fell **FACEDOWN (19)**
- His strength couldn't save him
- His boasting was silenced
- The Lord's power was revealed

Victory w/o a sword

- David defeats Goliath
- Only used a sling and a stone
- David had no **SWORD (20)**
- Yet the Lord fulfilled His purpose

Defeated with own sword

- David stood over Goliath
- He took up Goliath's sword
- David cut off Goliath's **HEAD (21)**
- The Philistine champion was finished

Champion has fallen

- The Philistines watched Goliath die
- Their champion had fallen and was defeated
- Their confidence suddenly collapses
- The Philistine army runs in **FEAR (22)**

Our Greater Champion

- David represents Israel
- His victory benefited the nation
- **CHRIST (23)** is our greater champion
- Christ is our representative
- His victory at Calvary secures our salvation

Faith Moves Forward

- David acted on his confidence in God
- One stone brought Goliath down
- The victory came without a sword
- The Philistine **CHAMPION (24)** was defeated
- Israel's deliverance had begun

IV. VICTORY CHANGES THE BATTLEFIELD (1 Samuel 17:52-54)

From Fear to Pursuit

- Israel rallied with a battle cry
- The Philistines ran in **DEFEAT (25)**
- Israel pursued the enemy
- The battlefield was transformed

Enemy driven back

- Israel pressed the attack further
- Philistines retreated toward Gath
- The pursuit extended toward Ekron (~15 Miles)
- The enemy suffered great **LOSS (26)**

Spoils of Victory

- Israel returned from pursuit
- Philistine camps were abandoned
- Israel took the **SPOILS (27)** of war
- Victory brought a tangible result

Evidence of Victory

- David kept Goliath's weapon
- Goliath's head went to **JERUSALEM (28)**
- The victory was unmistakable
- David's prominence was growing

Why Jerusalem

- David took Goliath's head to Jerusalem
- Jerusalem remained Jebusite-held
- David captures it years later
- The chronology is not explained

Battlefield changed

- Israel's fear turned to **ACTION (29)**
- The Philistines fled in defeat
- Israel pursued and plundered
- David possesses Goliath's weapon
- God's deliverance benefited His people

V. WHO IS THIS YOUNG MAN (1 Samuel 17:55-58)

Saul's Question

- Saul watched David approach Goliath
- He questioned **ABNER (30)**
- Abner didn't know who he was
- Saul ordered an investigation

Didn't Saul know David

- Saul had summoned David from Jesse
- David served in Saul's **COURT (31)**
- Saul made him an armor-bearer
- Saul personally approved the fight
- Yet Saul asks about his father

Why ask about family?

- Saul promised a substantial reward
- The victor could marry his daughter
- His father's household would be exempt from **TAXES (32)**
- Saul may have wanted family details

Other Explanations

- David's service was **INTERMITTENT (33)**
- Saul may have forgotten details
- He may have wanted more information
- Ancient manuscripts also differ

The Son of Jesse

- David stood before the king
- He carried **EVIDENCE (34)** of victory
- Saul asked about his father
- David identified Jesse of Bethlehem as his father

Shepherd's life is changing

- David's victory brought recognition
- Jonathan would become his friend
- Saul would retain David's service
- David's success would provoke **JEALOUSY (35)**

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