

SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 17:4-11

4 A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span.[a] 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels[b]; 6 on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. 7 His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels.[c] His shield bearer went ahead of him.

8 Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." 10 Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." 11 On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

1 Samuel 17:26

26 David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

1 Samuel 17:45-47

45 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

Chart of David

- 1. Inner character always outlasts outer competence.**
- 2. God always responds when we repent.**
- 3. Jesus is not merely a man after God's own heart, Jesus is God's own heart made man.**

GROUP DISCUSSION

David – as they search for a king

Goliath – giant – choose a man and have him fight and kill me.

Read the passage of Scripture together as a group.

Have you ever thought about the fact that we have the perspective of reading these Bible stories after they have come too fruition? What do you think you would have seen differently had you lived during that time?

What do you see now with the distance of time?

We get to see how God worked things out. Imagine if you were in these circumstances and needed to trust the Lord with all that you have. What do you imagine your response to be?

Do you find yourself in a circumstance like that right now?

What is the Lord calling you to repent from?

What can we see about the character of God from this passage of Scripture?