

Core Beliefs - Big God/ Small Me a study for the
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Introduction

We have looked at God as the Creator and the Controller of the Universe. We studied God's performance at the Red Sea and then in the gospels calming the sea. In each instance, God allowed his people to become trapped and then delivered them in a mighty way. This event can be seen in the same form throughout the scriptures.

1Co 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

1Co 1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

1Co 1:28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

1Co 1:29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

This form was the case with David vs Goliath (1 Sam 17), Gideon's few vs the Midianites (Judges 6), and Elijah vs Jezebel's prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18). In each case, God allowed the enemy to seem larger than life and insurmountable. God demonstrated that He was the most powerful force to be reckoned with.

David vs Goliath

- God's people were dismayed and greatly afraid (vs 11)
- God's people fled from him and were sore afraid (vs 24)
- God's people's motives were \$ and fame
- David focused on the cause
- David focused on God's power, not his own

Gideon's Few vs Midianites

- Midianites fell on the land like locusts (6-7)
- God's people were impoverished, and called on God
- God tried to get His people to focus on Him, not their issues (8-10)
- Gideon was focused on his situation, and lacked the focus on God, so he had no faith.
- Gideon obeyed, but at night in the dark in secret (26-27)
- God's people were whittled down to 300 so that God could get the glory (Ch 7)

Elijah vs Jezebel

- Elijah brought out 850 prophets to demonstrate God's power (18:18-19)
- Elijah never doubted God's victory
- Elijah used water during a drought (3 years no rain 18:33-35)
- Elijah lost sight of who had the power (19:14) this ended his usefulness for God