

**CHARACTERS OF THE BIBLE
THE RAGGED ROTTEN & REFINED**

**DAVID
Five things Every Believer Needs to do to Kill Their
Giants**

SLIDES SHOWN DURING SERVICE	SPACE FOR TAKING NOTES WHILE LISTENING TO MESSAGE
<p>Saul and the men of Israel gathered and camped in the Valley of Elah; then they lined up in battle formation to face the Philistines.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 Samuel 17:2</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>The Philistines were standing on one hill, and the Israelites were standing on another hill with a ravine between them.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 Samuel 17:3</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Then a champion named Goliath, from Gath, came out from the Philistine camp. He was nine feet, nine inches tall.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 Samuel 17:4</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>and wore a bronze helmet and bronze scale armor that weighed one hundred twenty-five pounds.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 Samuel 17:5</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>There was bronze armor on his shins, and a bronze javelin was slung between his shoulders.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 Samuel 17:6</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>His spear shaft was like a weaver's beam, and the iron point of his spear weighed fifteen pounds. In addition, a shield-bearer was walking in front of him.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 Samuel 17:7</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>He stood and shouted to the Israelite battle formations, "Why do you come out to line up in battle formation?" He asked them, "Am I not a</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

<p>Philistine and are you not servants of Saul? Choose one of your men and have him come down against me. 2 Samuel 17:8</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>If he wins in a fight against me and kills me, we will be your servants. But if I win against him and kill him, then you will be our servants and serve us.” 2 Samuel 17:9</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>The Philistine came closer and closer to David, with the shield-bearer in front of him. 2 Samuel 17:41</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>When the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised him because he was just a youth, healthy and handsome. 2 Samuel 17:42</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>He said to David, “Am I a dog that you come against me with sticks?” Then he cursed David by his gods. 2 Samuel 17:43</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Come here,” the Philistine called to David, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts!” 2 Samuel 17:44</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with a sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel—you have defied him. 2 Samuel 17:45</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Today, the LORD will hand you over to me. Today, I’ll strike you down, remove your head, and give the corpses of the Philistine camp to the birds of the sky and the wild creatures of the earth. Then all the world will know that Israel has a God, 2 Samuel 17:46</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>and this whole assembly will know that it is not by sword or by spear that the LORD saves, for the battle is the LORD’s. He will hand you over to us.” 2 Samuel 17:47</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>When the Philistine started forward to attack him, David ran quickly to the battle line to meet the Philistine. 2 Samuel 17:48</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

David put his hand in the bag, took out a stone, slung it, and hit the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown to the ground. 2 Samuel 17:49	
David defeated the Philistine with a sling and a stone. David overpowered the Philistine and killed him without having a sword. 2 Samuel 17:50	
Decisive Choices	
But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without works, and I will show you faith by my works. James 2:18	
Purposeful Partnership	
Plans fail when there is no counsel, but with many advisers they succeed. Proverbs 15:22	
Surviving	
Grief Share – a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences, the death of a loved one. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone	

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<p>Mending Fences – a ministry geared toward folks with hurts, habits, and hangups. The purpose of Mending Fences is to fellowship and praise God’s healing in our lives through the 12 Steps that are grounded in God’s word.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Stephen Ministry – a group of individuals who have completed 50 hours of training and provide one-on-one care for people hurting because of issues such as death of a loved one, divorce, job loss, illness, and other life issues.</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Deliberate Diet of the Bible</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you. Psalm 119:11</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Persistent Prayer</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him. James 1:5</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>You do not have because you do not ask. James 4:2</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Meaningful Suffering</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

<p>Therefore, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Philippians 2:12</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 2:3</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Education, rehabilitation, meditation, and medication will never beat our giants IF WE DO NOT HAVE JESUS!</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>