

## **Matters of the Heart**

### ***“Brave Heart”***

***1 Samuel 17:3-10, 45-50***

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*<sup>3</sup> The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.*

*<sup>4</sup> A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall. <sup>5</sup> He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; <sup>6</sup> on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. <sup>7</sup> His spear shaft was like a weaver’s rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.*

*<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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.” <sup>10</sup> Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.”*

*<sup>45</sup> 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. <sup>46</sup> This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup> 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.”*

*<sup>48</sup> As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. <sup>49</sup> Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.*

*<sup>50</sup> So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him. (NIV-84)*

## **1. The Mocking Challenge that paralyzed the camp**

### **(1) The picture Goliath represents. (vss. 4-7)**

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**(2) The purpose Goliath reveals. (vs. 16)**

*For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.*

**2. The Mighty Courage that met the challenge. (vss. 8-9)**

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**Four Ways David represents Jesus**

- *David was filled with the Holy Spirit. (16:13)*
- *David was sent by the Father with bread. (vs. 17)*
- *David was rejected by his brothers. (vs. 28)*
- *David fought and won a deceive the battle. (vss. 48-49)*

### **3. The Moment of Crisis that sealed the victory (vss. 40, 48-50)**

*<sup>40</sup> Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.*

#### Applying the Principles

- **We face many Goliaths today.**
- **Little battles in life get us ready for the big battles. (vss. 34-37)**
- **Every battle that is won begins with the first step of faith. (vs. 48)**

**“Faith is belief plus unbelief and choosing to act on the belief part.”**