

Hero: David and Goliath

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Now David was the son of an Ephrathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons... David was the youngest. The three eldest followed Saul, ¹⁵ but David went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. 1 Samuel 17:12, 14-15

David was a faithful steward of what God had trusted to him.

But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. ³⁶ Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." ³⁷ And David said, "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!" 1 Samuel 17:34-37

- Do not waste where God has you now!

Why was David's response to these threats so much different than the rest of the Israelite army, including his own brothers and King Saul?**David had faith.**

Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, ⁴⁷ and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand." 1 Samuel 17:45-47

- Faith sees what fear cannot.
- Fear magnifies obstacles. Faith magnifies God.
- Faith grows by remembering God's past faithfulness.

David was willing.

So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. 1 Samuel 17:50

- God isn't looking for the most qualified person. He's looking for a willing heart.

Let's Talk About It

David's victory over Goliath began long before he stepped onto the battlefield. As a faithful steward, he served God wholeheartedly in the unseen places, refusing to waste the season he was in. David's faith allowed him to see God's power instead of the size of the obstacle, strengthened by remembering God's past faithfulness. Finally, David was willing to step forward when others shrank back, trusting that God could use him despite his limitations. God still works through people who are faithful, faith-filled, and willing to say yes to Him.

1 Samuel 17

- Which part of the message impacted and challenged you?
- Read 1 Samuel 17:34-37. David faithfully cared for sheep before he ever faced Goliath. What "small" responsibilities has God entrusted to you right now, and how can you be more faithful with them?
- Read 1 Samuel 17:45-47. When facing a challenge, do you tend to focus more on the size of the obstacle or the greatness of God? Why?
- Read 1 Samuel 17:50. Is there an area where fear has been keeping you from taking a step of obedience? What would it look like to respond in faith instead?
- God isn't looking for the most qualified person but for a willing heart. Where might God be inviting you to simply say "yes" this week?
- Which of David's three qualities—faithful stewardship, faith, or willingness—do you most want God to grow in your life, and what is one practical step you can take this week?

Take a Step

Which of David's three qualities—faithful stewardship, faith, or willingness—do you most want God to grow in your life, and what is one practical step you can take this week?

Here's My Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for being faithful to me. Help me to be faithful with what You've entrusted to me, to trust You more than my fears, and to have a willing heart to follow wherever You lead. Use my life for Your glory and help me point others to Jesus, the true Hero of every story. In Jesus' name, amen.