

Fatherly Lessons from the Little Boy David

1 Samuel 17



Introduction

- ▶ **Philistines and Israel ready for battle**
 - ▶ **Opposite hillsides overlooking a valley**
- ▶ **Philistines had a champion, GOLIATH**
 - ▶ **8-10 foot tall**
 - ▶ **Coat of metal weighing 150 lbs**
 - ▶ **Staff, like a weaver's beam**
 - ▶ **Head of spear weighing 20 lbs**
- ▶ **Goliath same message from the hilltop**
 - ▶ **40 Days in a row**
 - ▶ **Morning and evening**

1 Samuel 17:8-10

- ▶ ***“Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us... I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.”***



Introduction

- ▶ **Unknowingly, Israel also has a champion**
 - ▶ David, the son of Jesse, one of eight sons
 - ▶ Brothers off to battle the Philistines
 - ▶ David cares for his father's sheep & all his father commands
 - ▶ Including take food to his brother & get info
- ▶ **Framework for our Lesson**
 - ▶ Characteristics Found in the Boy David
 - ▶ How to be a Godly Father
 - ▶ How to be a Godly Mother
 - ▶ How to be a Faithful Child of God



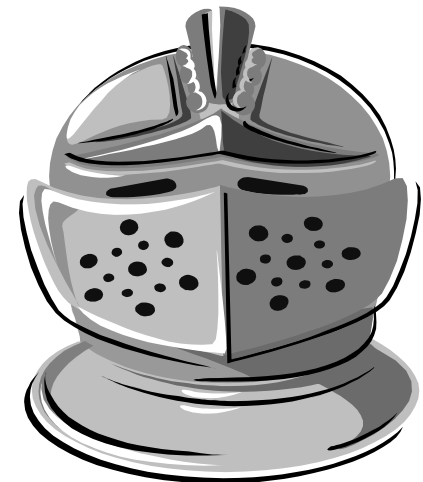
Lessons Learned from David

- ▶ **Vs. 17-22, The Father's command**
 - ▶ **# 1, Desire to be obedient**
 - ▶ John 14:15; Matthew 7:21-23, Hebrews 11
- ▶ **Vs. 23-26, David Learns of Goliath**
 - ▶ **# 2, Stand against those who defy God**
 - ▶ Acts 2:14-36; Acts 4:20, Acts 7, etc., etc.
- ▶ **Vs. 27-30, David deals with defeatism**
 - ▶ **# 3, Defend the cause, first, all else second**
 - ▶ Matthew 10:37; Luke 6:22



Lessons Learned from David

- ▶ **Vs. 31-37, David's makes the news**
 - ▶ **# 4, Reputations travel, good/bad**
 - ▶ Matthew 5:16; Matthew 5:37; 1 Timothy 1:4
 - ▶ **# 5, No limits to serving God**
 - ▶ Acts 9:15, Galatians, 1:9-10
- ▶ **Vs. 38-39, Saul prepares David for Battle**
 - ▶ **# 6, Outside influences may not properly prepare us for battle!**
 - ▶ Matthew 16:23; Galatians 5:19-21



Lessons Learned from David

- ▶ **Vs. 40, David prepares himself for battle**
 - ▶ **# 7, Properly arm self for battle**
 - ▶ 2 Timothy 2:15; Eph. 6:11-18; Gal. 5:22-23
- ▶ **Vs. 41-47, David meets Goliath**
 - ▶ **# 8, Hold fast, we have an advantage**
 - ▶ John 15:18-19; 2 Cor. 5:7; 1 John 5:4-5
- ▶ **VS. 48-50, The Blow is Struck**
 - ▶ **# 9, Evil will always be defeated with God's help**
 - ▶ Hebrews 11:1, 6



Vs. 51-58, David's Ongoing Influence

▶ # 10, Our influence lives on & on

- ▶ **1 Timothy 4:12**, *“but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”*
- ▶ **Matthew 12:34-35**, *“How can you, being evil, speak good things?”*
- ▶ **Philippians 1:27**, *“your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ”*
- ▶ **2 Timothy 2:9**, *“modest apparel, with propriety and moderation”*
- ▶ **1 Peter 1:15**, *“He who has called you is Holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.”*



Lessons From the Little Boy David

- ▶ **# 1, Desire to be obedient**
- ▶ **# 2, Know & defend the cause**
- ▶ **# 3, God first, all else second**
- ▶ **# 4, Reputations travel, good/bad**
- ▶ **# 5, No limits to serving God**
- ▶ **# 6, Outside influences may not properly prepare us for battle!**
- ▶ **# 7, Properly arm yourself for battle**
- ▶ **# 8, Hold fast, we do have an advantage**
- ▶ **# 9, With God's help evil will be defeated**
- ▶ **# 10, Our influence lives on & on**

Happy Father's Day

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