



June 2

Passage: 1 Samuel 17

Welcome back!

Today we check out a super familiar story in the Bible. Sometimes familiar stories can become dull to us. Or even more, sometimes we think we understand the story, but we don't actually. Today – David and Goliath... *is the story really about slaying our own giants?*

Take a moment, pray the Lord would make his Word clear to you and help you to live it out!

## **READ & DIG.** Read 1 Samuel 17 (underline anything that sticks out to you)

What a story huh? Let's spend a little bit thinking through it.

### **THE PLAN OF GOD!**

To understand this passage well, we have to remember where it falls in the story – God has just anointed David to be the king of Israel and now is his debut. This very battle that God delivers David from, is the path which will lead David face-to-face with King Saul and ultimately to himself being king of Israel, just as God said. You see Goliath stands as the first hinderance in the plan of God for David's life. However, *the Lord's plan will not be thwarted*. This successful battle for David sets the trajectory for the entire story! The beautiful truth is that this scene plays out just as the Father willed it to. *What a might God we serve!*

### **THE ENEMY DEFEATED!**

Goliath is not just an enemy of Israel, as a Philistine, but even more than that he is an enemy of God! Goliath is an arrogant warrior who may can take on any man, but he cannot take on the Lord. If you know anything about God or anything about the story of the Bible, you know the Lord wins. He always wins. This story is another picture of someone unwilling to submit to the greatness of the Lord and because of it his destruction is sure... Israel trembled, God didn't. The truth is God trembles at the feet of no one! *The enemies of God will be and are defeated!*

### **VICTORY IS IN THE LORD NOT DAVID!**

David is not the hero, God is! It is not in the strength of David that Goliath is slayed. Rather, God is victorious through David. God uses David to slay Goliath, leading his people to safety and continuing his plan of establishing a king who will righteously reign in Israel. David is this king and not just any king but a king in the lineage of *The King [Jesus]*. If David is killed, the lineage stops... but again, God's plan is not thwarted. God is the conqueror, David isn't. David is a vessel to be used by God!

## **Apply & GO**

**So, God's plan cannot be stopped and there is victory found in him!**

- **Remember** - God's plan is sure, though it seems all hope is lost, when you're ready to throw in the towel - don't. God is faithful, his plan is sure!
- **Take Heart** - the ultimate battle is won! God has defeated the unconquerable enemy that is our sin!
- **Be Bold** - Never fear to take a stand for the Lord! He will fight for you. The battle truly is the Lords!