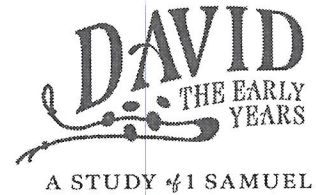


# 1 SAMUEL 17

February 16-17, 2022



1. Recall a time when God rescued you out of a dark season. How has it changed your perspective on new challenges you face?
2. Read about the spies sent to explore the Promised Land in Numbers 13:30-33. What keeps the Israelites from confidently going into the Promised Land after they receive the spies' report?
3. When you think of a champion, what comes to mind?

Read 1 Samuel 17:1-11. Instead of fighting a battle between both armies, Goliath challenged Israel to a one-on-one fight to the death. However, Goliath was no regular man. Describe what you learn about Goliath in verses 4-9.

What are the consequences Goliath suggested for the loser?

Look ahead to 1 Samuel 17:16. How long did the champion Goliath keep coming out to threaten Israel? What effect do you think the constant taunting had on the Israelite army?

Read Deuteronomy 20:1-4. What promise did God make to His people which the Israelites have forgotten?

4. We learned in 1 Samuel chapter 16 David is the youngest of his brothers. Read 1 Samuel 17:12-27 and record what Jesse, David's father, had instructed David to do.

Read 1 Samuel 17:23-26. What is the difference between the Israelites' response and David's response to Goliath's threat? What does this tell us about David?

5. Read 1 Samuel 17:28-37. David was not only challenged by Goliath, but also by his brother Eliab and King Saul. In what ways did Eliab and Saul try to discourage David?

How does David respond to each of his critics?

In 1 Samuel 17:32, David makes a bold statement. What did he plan to do and why is this so surprising?

6. Read 1 Samuel 17:34-37. Describe the past experiences David recalled that gave him confidence to fight Goliath.

To Whom does David give all the credit for his victories?

What are the ways you remember what God has done for you? Take a moment to thank Him for His goodness to you!

7. Read 1 Samuel 17:38-40. Saul and David have different ideas about what is needed to fight Goliath. List the differences.

Other than God, what are things you might turn to for protection in difficult seasons of your life?

What does Paul, who wrote Ephesians while imprisoned in Rome, suggest as more effective armor in Ephesians 6:13-18?

Think of an area of your life where you are not relying on the armor of God. What piece of armor can you use in that situation?

8. David and Goliath exchanged some words before they fought. Read 1 Samuel 17:41-47. Who is Goliath really challenging?

What are ways people dishonor and defy God today?

Reread 1 Samuel 17:45-46. What motivated David to fight Goliath?

What is David's goal in defeating Goliath?

9. Finish reading the amazing story of David's victory over Goliath in 1 Samuel 17:48-58. What effect does David's victory have on the Philistines in verse 51?

What effect does David's victory have on the Israelite army?

Share a time you were encouraged to follow God after seeing someone else faithfully follow God.

How did their faithfulness and obedience to God change the way you viewed your situation?

10. It is easy to be afraid when new challenges come our way. What characteristics of David do you want to incorporate in your life to combat fear and worry?

Share a Bible verse that comforts you and reminds you to realign your heart and mind to trusting God.

11. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

## The Battle Belongs to the LORD

1 Samuel 17

*"I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." 1 Samuel 17:45*

### **Champion of Evil**

17:1-11; 16

- Israel and Philistia were gathered for battle.
- A Philistine giant named Goliath challenged Israel for 40 days.
- Israel was terrified and frozen in fear.

### **Champion of God**

17:17-40

- David's father sent him to take goods to his brothers and check on them at the battle site.
- David witnessed Goliath yelling his threat to the fearful Israelites.
- David was determined to face Goliath who had defied the Living God of Israel.
- David remembered God's faithfulness and trusted God to give him victory.
- David prepared to fight Goliath with his sling and five stones.

### **The Victory is the LORD'S**

17:41-58

- David fought Goliath in the name of the LORD.
- David fought Goliath so the whole world would know there is a God in Israel.
- With the help of God, David killed Goliath.
- The Israelite army fought and destroyed the Philistines.

### **How can we trust God to be victorious in our lives?**

Remember God's past \_\_\_\_\_.

Look to \_\_\_\_\_ as your champion. He has given us the victory.

Be \_\_\_\_\_ and seek to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

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**DEUTERONOMY 20:3b-4** “[L]et not your heart faint. Do not fear or panic or be in dread of them, for the LORD your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.”

**1 JOHN 2:1** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

**EXODUS 14:13-14** And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

**PSALM 124:8** Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**PSALM 18:1, 3, 29-30, 39** I love you, O LORD, my strength . . . I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. . . . For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. . . . For you equipped me with strength for the battle; you made those who rise against me sink under me.

**MATTHEW 21:9** And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

**2 THESSALONIANS 1:7b-9** “[W]hen the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.”

**COLOSSIANS 1:13** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

**EPHESIANS 6:12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

**MARK 14:41c-42** “The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

**JOHN 14:27-28a** “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’”