



Part 17 - "Seeing God, Not Giants" | 1 Samuel 17 | 3.22.26

→ Rethinking the Story of David & Goliath

- Is the story of David & Goliath about facing our giants? Or is there something deeper going on here?
- Throughout 1 Samuel, people are constantly "seeing," but in different ways
- Some respond in fear, others trust in who God is
- **How we interpret what we see actually matters**

→ The Key Verse (How God Sees) — 1 Samuel 16:7

- (16:7) The LORD looks at the heart, not outward appearance — This verse serves as the interpretive lens for the entire book

→ Saul vs. David: Two Ways of Seeing — 1 Samuel 17

- (17:11) Saul and Israel saw Goliath's size and were dismayed and terrified
- (17:26) David saw the same situation but responded differently
- Two perspectives: Saul sees through fear — David sees through the LORD
- (17:32–33) Saul evaluates based on human ability
- (17:37) David trusts the LORD, not his own strength

→ The Battle Belongs to the LORD — 1 Samuel 17:45–47

- (17:45–47) David declares, "The battle is the LORD's," because of *who God is*
- From God's perspective, Goliath is not the threat
- The story is not about our battles or "slaying giants" — It's about trusting the LORD and seeing what is actually true

→ Living This Out

- When we face trials, we are not abandoned — the same LORD who was with David is with us. Consider Paul’s words:

“Put on the armor of light” (Romans 13:12)

“Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 13:14)

“Put on the new self” (Ephesians 4:24)

“Put on the full armor of God” (Ephesians 6:11)

- When overwhelmed, don’t just ask, *“Lord, how do I get out of this?”* Instead, pray, *“Lord, how are You entering into this with me?”*
- Remember who God is, what He’s done, and that He’s still with us

→ Main Takeaway — If we want to be a people after God’s own heart, then we need to see everything through who God is.

→ Going Deeper

1. What shapes the way you “see” your circumstances?

Read: 1 Samuel 16:7, Proverbs 3:5–6

2. Where do you tend to respond like Saul—with fear or strategy?

Read: 1 Samuel 17:11, 1 Samuel 17:37

3. What does it look like to trust that “the battle is the LORD’s” in your life?

Read: 1 Samuel 17:45–47, Ephesians 6:10–11

→ Next Step — What is one situation in your life where you need to trust the Lord? Pray, *“Lord, how are You entering into this with me?”*