

CHASING AFTER GOD



The Life of David

Review

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

- Saul – Corrupted Heart
- Samuel – Disappointed Heart & Listening Heart
- David – Serving Heart & Heart After God

**Let's continue with
this “heart” idea....**



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Message #2: **The Heart of a Giant Killer**

1 SAMUEL 17

1 Now the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle, and were gathered together at Sochoh, which belongs to Judah; they encamped between Sochoh and Azekah, in Ephes Dammim.

1 SAMUEL 17

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and they encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array against the Philistines.

1 SAMUEL 17

3 The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.

1 SAMUEL 17

4 And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

5 He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.

1 SAMUEL 17

6 And he had bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders.

7 Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him.

1 SAMUEL 17

8 Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "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.

1 SAMUEL 17

9 "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."

10 And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together."

1 SAMUEL 17

11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

1 SAMUEL 17

16 And the Philistine drew near
and presented himself forty
days, morning and evening.

1 SAMUEL 17

17 Then Jesse said to his son David,
"Take now for your brothers an ephah of
this dried grain and these ten loaves, and
run to your brothers at the camp.

18 "And carry these ten cheeses to the
captain of their thousand, and see how
your brothers fare, and bring back news
of them."

1 SAMUEL 17

19 Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

20 So David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, and took the things and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the camp as the army was going out to the fight and shouting for the battle.

1 SAMUEL 17

21 For Israel and the Philistines had drawn up in battle array, army against army.

22 And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers.

1 SAMUEL 17

23 Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according to the same words. So David heard them.

1 SAMUEL 17

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid.

25 So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel."

1 SAMUEL 17

26 Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

1 SAMUEL 17

27 And the people answered him in this manner, saying, "So shall it be done for the man who kills him."

1 SAMUEL 17

28 Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle."

1 SAMUEL 17

29 And David said, "What
have I done now?
Is there not a cause?"

(NKJV)

ISRAEL

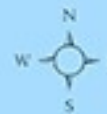
Time of David

When David was King at Hebron

2 Sam. 2-5

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BATTLE

Terms: Champion vs Champion
(vs 8-10)

Winner Take All

1 Samuel 17:11

When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were **dismayed** and **greatly afraid**.

- **Dismayed** = shattered, broken down with fear
- **Greatly afraid** = filled with dread, to be apprehended by fear, paralyzed by fear

Paralyzed Heart

- **Armored up on the outside,
paralyzed on the inside.**
 - Dressed for battle but no fight in 'em.
 - The inner-man is more important than outward appearance.

Why?

Paralyzed Heart

- **40 Days under threat**
- **Goliath, the most terrifying war machine they'd ever seen**
- **Plus, Philistines had the technology advantage.**

GOLIATH

Description (vs 4-7)

- Giant from Gath
- **est 9ft 6in tall**
(6 cubits & a span)
- Get some perspective



Armored - Up

- **Bronze helmet**
- **Coat of mail – 125lbs**
- **Bronze shin guards**
- **Bronze javelin – 15lb**
- **Iron Sword**
- **Shield Bearer**



Important Detail

Coat of mail – 125 lbs

**= layered pieces of metal like scales
(hint: like a snake)**

- **Hint: Later have all the action around the “head”**

Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

God's People vs Snake's People

Paralyzed Heart

1 Samuel 17:11

When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

- **Imagine what his voice sounded like**
- Enemy is counting on you to listen to his threats.

Paralyzed Heart

What caused them to be so afraid?

1. Wrong Focus

- They focused on Goliath's **bigness** instead of God's **greatness**.
- They were comparing themselves to Goliath instead of comparing **Goliath to God**. (grasshopper problem)

Paralyzed Heart

2. They forgot

- Fear has a way of giving us “spiritual amnesia”
- They forgot about Egypt, the Red Sea, the miracles, Joshua’s victories, God’s promises, God’s power...

Giants that Taunt & Paralyze

- Financial problems
- Health problems
- Relationship troubles
- Career problems
- Uncertain future
- Prodigals coming home
- Moral decline
- Division/strife
- Sin habits
- Doubt & unbelief
- etc...

Paralyzed Heart

**We've got to win the battle
in our mind!**

LORD, help us!

Arrogant Heart

Goliath shows us how the enemy works:

- » **Defies God**
- » **Blasphemes God**
- » **Mocks God's People**
- » **Threatens to enslave**

Arrogant Heart

Enemy wants to push you in one of two directions:

Fear

or

Pride

Arrogant Giants

Addiction & Sin: “You can’t live without me”

Fear: “You’re not strong enough”,
“God doesn’t care”

Bitterness: “You have every right to stay angry”

Pride: “You don’t need God”

Arrogant Giants

The Psychological Warfare

- a) Relentless Pounding
- b) Isolation Strategy
- c) Lies
- d) The “What if” Game

Serving Heart

- Tending his father's sheep
- Playing music to relax Saul
- Saul's armorbearer
- Delivering lunch – bread and cheese

Serving Heart

Who knew that a grilled cheese sandwich could propel you into destiny?

Faith Lesson

David's serving heart positioned him for greatness in the Kingdom.

Jesus, Matthew 20:25-28

25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

26 "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

Jesus, Matthew 20:25-28

27 "And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave--

28 "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

We don't serve to be great. The greatness is in the serving!

Faith-filled Heart

1 Samuel 17:23

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**Is there not a
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Critical Heart

Warning: You will have this encounter before the Big Fight.

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Critical Heart

- There is always a battle between people with faith and those of a critical, judgmental attitude.
- **Accusations:**
 - **Being irresponsible**
 - **Full of pride**
 - **Wrong motives**
 - **Trying to be Big shot**

Carnal Heart

- David is brought before King Saul
- Saul insults David.
- Saul gives David his armor
 - “I have not tested them”

–Spirit vs Flesh Battle

Faith-filled Heart

David's faith:

1 Samuel 17:32

Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

Where did he get this kind of faith?

Faith-filled Heart

Where did he get this kind of faith?

(vs 34-36)

Lion & Bears

- Past victories should make us prepared for future battles.
- God uses “lions & bears” to train us for Goliaths.

Faith-filled Heart

Where did he get this kind of faith?

David knew God:

My God

My Light

My Strong Tower

My Rock

My Shepherd

My Shield

My Fortress

My Deliverer

Faith-filled Heart

Choose your weapons carefully

- » Staff
- » 5 Smooth Stones
- » Sling

Courage & Faith to run right at Goliath

Faith-filled Heart

Hear David's Faith:

(vs 45) Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, 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. **(His main weapon)**

(vs 46) "This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, **that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.**

(vs 47) "Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands."

**David's Stone
Goliath's Sword
Giant Dead**

One Person Can Make a Difference!



Champion Greater than David

**Defeated the Giants of:
Sin, Death, Satan & Fear**

- **Because of Jesus we now fight from a place of Victory.**
- **Throw Your Stone, Speak to your giants in Jesus' name.**

THE HEART OF A GIANT KILLER

- Paralyzed Heart
- Serving Heart
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- Carnal Heart
- Faith-Filled Heart

