

The Crown – graphic and email

David & Goliath picture

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Be like David and you can defeat the giant you are facing.

❌WRONG

David ❌ Us

“Eisegesis”

Interpretation that reads one’s own ideas and presuppositions into the text

I Samuel 17:1-7

The Philistines gathered their forces for war ... in Judah ... Saul and the men of Israel gathered and camped in the Valley of Elah; then they lined up in battle formation to face the Philistines. The Philistines were standing on one hill, and the Israelites were standing on another hill with a ravine between them. Then a champion named **Goliath**, from Gath, came out from the Philistine camp. He was nine feet, nine inches tall and wore a bronze helmet and bronze **scale** armor that weighed one hundred twenty-five pounds. There was bronze armor on his shins, and a bronze javelin was slung between his shoulders. His spear shaft was like a weaver’s beam, and the iron point of his spear weighed fifteen pounds. In addition, a shield-bearer was walking in front of him.

I Samuel 17:8-11

He stood and shouted to the Israelite battle formations, “Why do you come out to line up in battle formation?” He asked them, “Am I not a Philistine and are you not servants of **Saul**? Choose one of your men and have him come down against me. If he wins in a fight against me and kills me, we will be your servants. But if I win against him and kill him, then you will be our servants and serve us.” Then the Philistine said, “I **defy** the ranks of Israel today. Send me a man so we can fight each other!” When Saul and all Israel heard these words from the Philistine, they **lost their courage and were terrified**.

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- **Philistines & Goliath:** *defiance; condemnation; satanic*
- **Israelites & Saul:** *fear and separation from God’s best*
- **David:** *???*

I Samuel 17:12-15

Now David was the son of ... Jesse. Jesse had eight sons and during Saul's reign was already an old man. Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war ... but David kept going back and forth from Saul to tend his father's flock in Bethlehem.

Like Israel, we face opposition and adversity that is bigger than we can handle.

Like Israel, we hear voices that defy (*ridicule*) and condemn.

Like Israel, we often respond with fear ... and acceptance of the status quo.

I Samuel 17:20-25

So David got up early in the morning, left the flock with someone to keep it, loaded up, and set out as Jesse had charged him. He arrived at the perimeter of the camp as the army was marching out to its battle formation shouting their battle cry. Israel and the Philistines lined up in battle formation facing each other. David left his supplies in the care of the quartermaster and ran to the battle line. When he arrived, he asked his brothers how they were. While he was speaking with them, suddenly the champion named Goliath, the Philistine from Gath, came forward from the Philistine battle line and shouted his usual words, which David heard. When all the Israelite men saw Goliath, they retreated from him terrified. Previously, an Israelite man had declared, "Do you see this man who keeps coming out? He comes to defy Israel. The king will make the man who kills him very rich and will give him his daughter. The king will also make the family of that man's father exempt from paying taxes in Israel."

I Samuel 17:26a

David spoke to the men who were standing with him ...

I Samuel 17:26

David spoke to the men who were standing with him: "What will be done for the man who kills that Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Just who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

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Like Israel, our starting point is often wrong.

Israel starts with the giant.

David starts with God.

I Samuel 17:28-33

David's oldest brother **Eliab** listened as he spoke to the men, and he became angry with him. "Why did you come down here?" he asked. "Who did you leave those **few** sheep with in the wilderness? I know your arrogance and your evil heart—you came down to see the battle!" "What have I done now?" protested David. "It was just a question." Then he turned from those beside him to others in front of him and asked about the offer. The people gave him the same answer as before. What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, so he had David brought to him. David said to Saul, "Don't let anyone be **discouraged** by him; your servant will go and fight this Philistine!" But Saul replied, "You **can't** go fight this Philistine. You're just a youth, and he's been a warrior since he was young."

Like Israel, we fail to recognize the voices that take the **Lord's Name in vain.**

- **Goliath:** defiant, hostile, threatening
- **Eliab:** disapproval and contempt
- **Saul:** discouragement

3 Ways to take the Lord's Name (I am ...) in vain:

- **Words that ridicule the reality of the Great I Am**
- **Emotions that defy the awesome reality of God**
- **Action/Inaction that defy God's reality**

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has **not** given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.

Like Israel, our greatest problem is not the **giant but **unbelief**.**

1 Samuel 17:34-37

David answered Saul, "Your servant has been **tending his father's sheep**. Whenever a lion or a bear came and carried off a lamb from the flock, I went after it, struck it down, and rescued the lamb from its mouth. If it reared up against me, I would grab it by its fur, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed lions and bears; this **uncircumcised Philistine** will be like one of them, for he has **defied** the armies of the living God." Then David said, "The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you."

1 Samuel 17:38-41

Then Saul had his own military clothes put on David. He put a bronze helmet on David's head and had him put on armor. David strapped his sword on over the military clothes and tried to walk, but he was not used to them. "I can't walk in these," David said to Saul, "I'm not used to them." So David took them off. Instead, he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the wadi and put them in the pouch, in his **shepherd's** bag. Then, with his sling in his hand, he approached the Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:41-44

The Philistine came closer and closer to David, with the shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he **despised** him because he was just a youth He said to David, "Am I a dog that you come against me with sticks?" Then he cursed David by his gods. "Come here," the Philistine called to David, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts!"

I Samuel 17:45-47

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with a sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you **in the Name** of the Lord of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel—you have defied him. Today, the Lord will hand you over to me. Today, I'll strike you down, remove your head, and give the corpses of the Philistine camp to the birds of the sky and the wild creatures of the earth. Then **all the world** will know that Israel has a God, and this **whole assembly** will know that it is not by sword or by spear that the Lord saves, for the battle is the Lord's. He will hand you over to us."

I Samuel 17:48-50a

When the Philistine started forward to attack him, David ran quickly to the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in the bag, took out a stone, slung it, and hit the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown to the ground. David defeated the Philistine with a sling and a stone

Who is David?

David represents **true Israel** and points to the **true King, Jesus**.

David ☐ Christ ☐ us ☐ true Israel under the true King

I Samuel 17:51-52

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they fled. The men of Israel and Judah rallied, shouting their battle cry, and chased the Philistines.

In Christ, the enemies of death, sin, and the Devil are defeated.

Whom shall we fear?

How then shall we live?

No courage: Saul	Counterfeit Courage: Goliath
Discouraged: Israel	True Courage: David

{Come up one at a time ...}

- 1) Believe in the Name of the Lord**
- 2) Trust in the work of the Lord**
- 3) Live for the glory of the Lord**
- 4) Take courage ... the best is yet to come**