

## **SERIES: “Incredible Heroes of the Bible”**

David – 1 Samuel 17:20-27, 32-50

We continue to look at some incredible Bible heroes. Today, we talk about David and his battle with the giant named Goliath. Let me start by asking you a question: What are some of the giants that people face today? Let's name a few:

•UNEMPLOYMENT – DEBT – DISEASES – DEPRESSION – DANGER – ABUSE – TRAGEDY - REJECTION - BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS – DIVORCE – ADDICTION – TEMPTATIONS - DISCRIMINATION – FEAR - PAST FAILURES – DISCOURAGEMENT – ANGER

### **DO YOU HEAR YOUR GIANTS SHOUTING?**

You are not qualified for that job! You are not good enough! You can't pay your bills! You can't save your marriage! You are losing your kids! You cannot stop your vices! You can't shake your past failures! You don't have a bright future! Your life is a mistake!

In our text today from 1 Kings 17 we hear, “And there came out of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span (almost 10 feet). He had a helmet of bronze and he was armed with a coat that weighed five thousand shekels (125#). He had bronze armor on his legs, and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear weighed six hundred shekels (15#).” Now David was facing his giant, a real, physical giant. And he was hearing the voices that said he couldn't do it. Let's listen to his story...

### **I. PLUG IN TO THE SOURCE OF POWER – v 37**

1Sa 17:32 David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of this Philistine; your servant will go out and fight with him.

1Sa 17:37 The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine. Saul said to David, Go, and the LORD be with you.

David did not say that he delivered his flocks from the lion and bear. But he said, “THE LORD WHO DELIVERED ME.” The Lord is the source of David's power. All our electronic appliances would be useless unless connected to the source of electrical power. Our life is also useless if not connected to the source of our power, and that is none other than God.

### **THE EMPOWERMENT OF DAVID:**

1Sa 16:13 Samuel anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power...

1Sa 18:14 In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him.

### **THE EMPOWERMENT OF CHRISTIANS:** Our power lies in the cross and empty tomb of Jesus...

Act 1:8 But you will receive power when the HS comes upon you: and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

1Co 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

### **II. CHOOSE THE RIGHT WEAPONS – vs 38-40** David chose 5 stones to battle his giant...

**1. The Stone of The Past** – The Lord delivered David from the bear and lion...

1Ch 16:12 Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

#### **2. The Stone of Prayer**

Ps 57:1 Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.

Ps 59:16 But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

Transition: Invite God's help. Pick up the stone of prayer. And don't neglect...

### **3. The Stone of Priority**

1Sa 17:47 And that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands."

Remember your highest priority: God's reputation. David saw Goliath as a chance for God to show off! Did David know he would exit the battle alive? No. But he was willing to give his life for the reputation of God. Your illness is God's chance to show His healing power. Your sin is God's opportunity to showcase His grace. Your struggling marriage can billboard God's power. See your struggle as God's canvas. On it he will paint his multicolored supremacy.

Transition: Announce God's name and then reach for...

### **4. The Stone of Passion**

1Sa 17:32 "And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Who bet on David? Who put money on the kid from Bethlehem? Not the Philistines. Not the Hebrews. Not David's siblings or David's king. But God did. David ran toward his giant. Do the same!

Transition: Remember; take up the stone of passion. There remains one more stone. It is the ...

### **5. The Stone of Persistence**

Why did David pick up 5 stones? Could it be because Goliath had four relatives the size of King Kong. Imitate him. Never give up. One prayer might not be enough. One apology might not do it. You may get knocked down a time or two...but don't quit. Keep loading the rocks. Keep swinging the sling.

## **III. KEEP YOUR EYES ON FOCUSED ON THE LORD, NOT THE GIANT– vs 41-47**

- Do not be disturbed by the giant
- Do not be discouraged by the detractors
- Focus on God

Listing hurts won't heal them. Itemizing problems won't solve them. Categorizing rejections won't remove them. David removed the giant because he emphasized the Lord. Give your hurts and worries and struggles and giant problems to Him.

## **IV. SEIZE DIVINE OPPORTUNITY – vs 48-50**

1Sa 17:48-9 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Why did others not fight Goliath:

1. Eliab - David was not even included to the enlisted men when he killed Goliath. God can use an un-ordained layman to do great things for God if He will trust God.
2. Saul - Leaders by position will hide when problem comes. But anointed leaders will see giant problem as an opportunity to show the power of God. And, as Saul discovered, when you grieve God and you cause Him to leave, you cannot fight the enemies easily like what you did before. And then for David – The outcome of the battle always depend on whose side God belongs. One plus God will surely become the winner.

## **V. CUT OFF THE ENEMY'S HEAD –v 51** In the verse following our text we hear...

1Sa 17:51 David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the scabbard. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.

Cut off evil communications, or evil through social media - Cut off bad habits and vices – Cut off addictions - Cut off dishonesty - Cut off unhealthy relationships.

So the next time the giants shout, you know what to do:

1. Plug into the source of power
2. Choose the right weapons
3. Keep your eyes focused on the right things and the right person
4. Seize God's moment
5. Cut off the enemy's head

Stand up now and face your giants by the same tactics that God has given to David!

David taught us how to face our own giants. Now, are you ready?????

- To say goodbye to defeat and start victorious life with God? Are you ready?????
- To discover on how to face the giant challenges that we are facing today? Are you ready?????
- To know the weapons that God prepares for us to claim the victory? Are you ready???
- To join the battlefield called life and be confident of God's presence? Are you ready???
- To cut off the enemies head and overcome all the deception of the devil in your lives?

Are you ready????

In Jesus. Amen.