

David & Goliath #3

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Last Week:

- Only the Father knows 'who' you are
- Wisdom, logic, reason, experience and even common sense can't take the place of the Word/voice of God!
- You Can Forfeit the Call and Plan of God Over Your Life
- True Worship Destroys the Enemy's Attempts at Oppression

! Samuel 17

- Why would a story that happened several thousand years ago be relevant to us today?
- 1 Corinthians 15:46 - *"However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual."* = First the natural - then the spiritual
- Things that happened in the OT were a 'type and shadow' of what was to come in the NT
 - **OT** - Enemies were actual people, armies, etc - Literal
 - **NT** - **Ephesians 6:12** - *"We wrestle not against flesh and blood...."*
 - So when we read the OT we need to search for the 'spiritual application'
 - **John 10:10** - *"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly"*
 - It's always a battle between good and evil!
 - **1 Corinthians 10:11** - *"Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come."*
 - **Romans 15:4** - *"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."*
- **vs 1** - Philistines gathered at Sochoh - **....which belonged to Judah"*
 - The enemy has taken (wants to take) away your spiritual heritage
 - Peace, joy,
- **vs 2** - Encamped in the Valley of Elah - testing (God testing His people)

- **Goliath - Champion warrior of the Philistines - Symbolic - Demonic**
 - Nearly 10 ft tall - 125 lbs - coat of mail - completely covered by armor
 - Shield bearer walked in front of him - Standing shield - Blocked arrows, etc - Tall enough to protect the entire body **(walked in front)*
 - Goliath = A symbol of the enemy
 - A bully - Dependent on human strength, ability and battle experience
 - This is why the enemy always seems to be bigger, stronger, better equipped
 - Mouthy and Intimidating - Always vocal - Always whispering negativity
 - We often feel that we're at a disadvantage (if we believe the lie)
 - But he can't back it up against the chosen!;....he's no match for you!
 - Disrespectful - Hates 'who' you are and even more WHO you represent
 - Vengefulness - His driving desire to have what the Father has
 - BUT - The deck is always stacked in your favor!

Eliab - *"I know your pride and insolence (arrogance, lack of respect)"*

- Jealous of David, still believing he should be the one chosen for king
- Age, experience, seniority don't override the call of God on someone
- Awkward to exercise authority with those older in age,but, again it's the call of God and the mantle of authority He's placed on you

I Samuel 17:40 - Five Smooth Stones

- **Five** = the number for grace - *"God's supernatural ability to do in/through you the things you cannot do on your own"* Dallas Willard
- Four other giants
- ***2 Samuel 21:22** - *"So these four descendants of Rapha (Raphaim - a race of giants) in Gath fell at the hands of David and his servants"*
- Three are named - One had six fingers and toes
- Stones -
- **1 Peter 2:4** - *"Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built"*

up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ”

- You’re a living stone in the building of the True Church
- **Smooth stones** - *(as compared to rough stones)* are symbolic of the testing, trials, challenges we endure throughout our life that temper and mature us and shaping us into our true identity

If you want to strike the enemy in the most vulnerable spot to disable him

- Get relational with the Father
- Receive His love - It’s the thing that transforms your entire life, but more important,your heart!
- Listen - If you’re hearing the Truth....you’ll recognize the lie!
- Be obedient - no compromise
- Use your faith - It’s a lot more powerful than you think it is
- Stay consistent - It’s a lifetime walk
- Love! Ask yourself in every circumstance and encounter: ***“How do I love in this situation?”***
- **Romans 8:37** - ***“....we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us”***
- **Think like it - Act like it - - Walk like it!**