

The Shepherd King – Life of David

Part 2 – Biting the Dust

1 Samuel 17

The Giant

- Real
- Big (v.4-7)
- Loud (v.8)
- Mocking (v.10)
- Persistent (v.16)
- Invasive (v.3, 16, 23)
 - Restaurant with loud music – you can't have the relationship you want because it is blocked out
- Sounds like:
 - Ping of Distraction
 - Whisper of Deceit – “He didn't really mean _____ when He said...”
 - Raincloud of Isolation – “If people ever find out...”
 - Threat of Disconnection – “He'll never forgive you”
 - Sometimes it's that we believe there will forever be a distance between us that we'll have to live with
 - Taunt of Discouragement – “You'll never be able to...”

The Effects

- Fear (v.11, 24) – can show itself in fight or flight, but typically flight
- Anger (v.28) – lashing out, they are the target of your anger even though not the source of it
- Discord (v.29-30) – relational turbulence (David was bringing provisions, so what happened?)
- Doubt (v.33-37) – mainly because the Giant is so present, it's hard to sense God's Presence
- Posing (v.38-40)
 - Saul should've been wearing the armor
 - Saul probably wanted some claim in whatever happened (possibly even hoped people would mistake David for him)
 - Has a way of making us want to rewrite the story – surely we did better than that, right?

We need a champion

- I can't run away?
 - No, because the more ground you give the more he takes (no neutral ground)
- I can't fight for myself?
 - No, because you will not and cannot win
- Am I not David?
 - No, because look at how you act – fear, anger, discord, doubt, posing
 - Don't believe it? What about your social media posts OR your "turn to"

David was the Anointed One of God who spoke God's Word and defeated the Enemy

- He killed Goliath with his own sword!

In our story, our champion is Jesus

- *Jesus* is the Anointed One of God who speaks God's Word and defeated the Enemy for us
- He defeated sin and death and can handle all the rest of the giants we face
 - When we face our enemies, we face them with our Champion in front of us and fighting for us

Communion

- He has already defeated our greatest enemies – sin and death
- Whatever you're facing today, your Champion can handle

Questions for Discussion:

1. What's the biggest upset / come from behind / "little guy" story you can think of? What's the biggest upset story you've personally been a part of?
2. Reread the description of Goliath again (1 Sam. 17.4-10). What stands out? What sounds like the most dangerous to you? If those descriptions were to also fit a spiritual enemy, which tends to block out your relationship with God? Trent listed some of the specific things that you might hear (distraction, deceit, etc.). Which of those tend to keep you spiritually blocked out from the relationship with God you want?
3. Reread the list of effects. When you face a giant of any kind, what is your typical response? If it's not on the list, describe what it looks like for you. What kind of effect gets multiplied to those around you (i.e. does fear spread? Discord?)?
4. Do you like seeing yourself as David in this story? Why can you not write yourself in as the hero?
5. How is Jesus a better David? What was the biggest enemy He faced on your behalf? What do you need Him to face now, in front of you and fighting for you?