

Message Notes | The Life of David

Part 2: Goliath

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→ not by sword or spear - **1 Samuel 17:38-47**

#3 _____ **God changes everything.**

→ triumph on behalf of a nation - **1 Samuel 17:48-50**

#4 **In your mind, what has become**
_____?

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1. Two people can look at the same situation but come away with very different perspectives. Why do you think that is?

2. **Read 1 Samuel 17:4-11.** What details about Goliath seem to capture the Israelites' attention and make them afraid?

What details in today's world seem to be capturing people's attention?

3. Obsessing over circumstances can obstruct your view of God. Why do you think fear and worry have a way of dominating our thoughts?

4. **Read 1 Samuel 17:32-37.** David responds to Goliath by remembering how God had helped him in the past. What past examples of God's faithfulness encourage you when you face challenges today? (You can include examples from the Bible, your own life, or both.)

5. What are some practical ways we can remind ourselves of God's promises and past faithfulness during difficult seasons?

6. **Read 1 Samuel 17:45-47.** David talks far more about God than he does about Goliath. What does that reveal about David's focus?

How might your perspective change if you talked more about God than your struggles during difficult seasons of life?

7. The sermon closed with this question: "In your mind, what has become bigger than God?" Is there a circumstance, fear, worry, goal, or distraction that has been occupying too much space in your thinking? What is one step you can take this week to magnify God in your mind?

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Bible Reading for Today

1 Samuel 17:32-37; 45-47

³² David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ 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 the Lord be with you."

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."