

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1)	06 December. 2026.....	1Samuel 01-02	Prayer
2)	13 Dec.....	1Samuel 03-04	Calling
3)	20 Dec.....	Luke 02.....	(Christmas) Savior
4)	27 Dec.....	1Samuel 05-07	Supremacy
5)	03 January 2027	1Samuel 08-14	King Demanded
6)	10 Jan.....	1Samuel 15.....	Obedience
7)	17 Jan.....	Psalms 139.....	Value of Life
8)	24 Jan.....	1Samuel 16.....	Anointed
9)	31 Jan.....	1Samuel 17.....	Victory
10)	07 Feb.....	1Samuel 18-21	Friendship
11)	14 Feb.....	1Samuel 22-24	Respect
12)	21 Feb.....	1Samuel 25.....	Discernment
13)	28 Feb.....	1Samuel 26-31	Guidance

INTRODUCTION

- David would not have been the great man he was without confronting and conquering Goliath. Who did David magnify at this time?
- Sometimes God gives us a Goliath to demonstrate the abilities and training He has given us, and possibly to promote us after victory.

Passage	Comments
1Samuel 17:1-11	"I defy the armies of Israel" – Goliath, circa 1000BC - This attitude is still in the world today as more and more nations turn against Israel - God often used nations more wicked than Israel, to sweep through and clean house, for judgment always begins with the House of God - vv10-11. Why were the "armies of Israel" afraid of this one oversized killing machine? Where was their focus? Was it on their problem or on their God? Where should their focus have been? How do you get people to refocus on the right thing(s)? - Who or what is our Goliath today? ☐ Terrorism? ☐ Politics? ☐ Kids? ☐ In-Laws? ☐ Other _____?
How Big was Goliath?	- Scholars vary on Goliath being from 8 ft to about 12 ft tall. Most scholars see him being about 9 ½ ft tall (6 cubits x 18 inches/cubit + 5-9 inches for a span) Giants in the Land. For more discussion on the Nephilim and other giants, see Genesis 6 Comments
17:12-30	Time for Trash Talk Between Brothers - v26. "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine?" - Not all boasting is bad. David boasted in His God. - Why didn't David first try to evangelize the Giant? - Siblings can be one's best friends and supporters or one's toughest challenges. Besides David's brothers, consider Jacob & Esau; Jesus and His brothers. - A brother is born for adversity..... Prov 17:7 - A brother offended is hard to win over.. Prov 18:19 - v28. David's oldest brother's negative trait of discouragement and belittling comes to the surface - It's a good thing Samuel didn't anoint Eliab as king - Or was Eliab's belittling of his brother justified? - vv29-30. Look at David's response to a negative taunt. He asked for justification for such a taunt, and then he moved away from the negative barbs.
Youthful Exuberance is OK	- Have you noticed how young kids think they can do anything? They will put on a Superman cape and fly. - But after about 12 years old, either reality sinks in or they succumb to discouraging words from others – "It's time to grow up" or "You really can't fly" Consider this. God loves passionate, exuberant, and bold people. He often puts big dreams into us. We just need to stop squashing them. May we do great things & may it be "according to our faith" Mat 9:29

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17:31-37	God Prepared David for War - David's boasting in his God-given ability to slay the Giant was not without justification – and he voiced it - v36. This is the 2nd time David mentioned in a derogatory manner "this uncircumcised Philistine" - Goliath was perceived as nothing better than a rogue lion or bear that needed to be exterminated - David had God's perspective of the situation - What will give us God's perspective on our Goliath situations? ☐ Be a student of God's word? ☐ Be devoted to prayer? ☐ Watch TV all day?
17:38-47	Unconventional Warfare - vv38-39. Sometimes we can't fight every battle the same way. We may have to think outside the box. - v40. Why did David choose 5 stones and not one? Did he have 2nd thoughts about God giving victory? Principle to Live By. We live by FAITH, not by Pre-sumptions. Be prepared for a change in course. Consider this. God sometimes allows us to suffer severe loss while fighting godly battles. Judges 20 - v42. David was "ruddy & fair" – Goliath saw him as a young, spoiled, little rich kid. He misjudged him. - v47. The Battle is the Lord's – God likes to use well-prepared people for tough missions. - How are we preparing for our battles?
17:48-58	Confront Problems in Life with Gusto - v48. David ran toward his problem, not away from it - We will seldom defeat our challenges in life by running from them, avoiding them, ignoring them - The only thing we should run from is sin

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- Everyone thought Goliath was too big for David to fight. BUT David knew something no one else recognized. God had prepared David for such a time as this. What is God preparing us for?
- Don't be afraid to dream BIG. The only thing that kills our dreams and prevents God from fulfilling the desires He puts in our hearts is our own little faith.

NEXT WEEK: 1Samuel 18-21. David is on the run from King Saul, but he is determined to let God continue to fight his battles



David's Secret to Success: He magnified his God, not his problems ([1 Samuel 17:45-46](#)).