

GIANT KILLER

Part Two: *courageous*

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We are examining the life of David this fall. David was special because he knew a lot about God, and he also had a deep personal relationship with the Lord. He was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:16-23). The ultimate purpose of this message series is to help you form a close relationship with God so you will trust Him with your giant-sized problems.

In 1 Samuel 17, David is courageous.

courageous (adjective) - *having or showing courage, which is the quality of being ready and willing to face negative situations involving danger or pain.* Dictionary.com

1st - We see David's great adversary. Vs. 1-11

Goliath was 9'9" tall and weighed over five hundred pounds! He wore a bronze helmet, bronze leg armor, and a coat of scale armor, which weighed about 125 pounds. He carried a sword, a spear with a 15-pound iron tip, and he had a bronze javelin on his back. But Goliath wasn't just a giant man, he was also a seasoned soldier. He was the Philistine champion, and his challenge terrified the Israelites including King Saul.

2nd – We see David's great faith. Vs. 12-39

David got upset when he heard Goliath taunt the Israelites. He went from soldier to soldier asking, "Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?" David caused such a stir on the front line that someone told King Saul that David wanted to fight Goliath.

Why was David courageous?

- David believed God would protect him and give him the victory.

As a shepherd, David had seen God's hand of protection. God empowered David to kill lions and bears with a club, so he was confident that God would protect him as he fought Goliath.

3rd – We see David's great victory. Vs. 40-51

How David killed Goliath is not that important. David knocked the giant out with a stone, then David cut Goliath's head off with his own sword. The whole fight took two minutes. Why David killed Goliath is important and that is what you need to remember this morning.

Why did David kill Goliath?

- David wanted to shut Goliath's big mouth!

David killed Goliath because the giant was mocking God. Goliath was belittling God, so David shut his mouth and showed the whole world the power of his God!

Some questions you should ask yourself this week...

1. Are you courageous? Do you believe God will protect you and give you the victory?
2. Do get upset when people mock your God?
3. Are you willing and able to contend for the faith as a good soldier of Jesus Christ?