

HOW DAVID DEFEATED GOLIATH

1 Samuel 17:1-51 David and Goliath

HOW DID DAVID DEFEAT GOLIATH?

David didn't; God did. David trusted in God to give him success

- **1 Samuel 17:37,45-47** (God delivers 37,46)
- **Psalms 33:16-17** The king is not saved by a mighty army; A warrior is not delivered by great strength. (17) A horse is a false hope for victory; Nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength.
- **Proverbs 21:31** The horse is prepared for the day of battle, But victory belongs to the LORD.
- **James 4:13-17** Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." (14) Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. (15) Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that." (16) But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. (17) Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.
- **Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; (9) not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- **1 John 3:8** ... The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

He experienced God's help in the past. He had built a relationship with God. He had grown.

- **1 Samuel 17:37,45-47**
- **Hebrews 5:14** But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.
- **1 Peter 2:2** like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,
- **2 Peter 3:18** but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ...
- David's retelling indicates he realized God had helped him.
- **Psalms 77:11-12** [Asaph] I shall remember the deeds of the LORD; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. (12) I will meditate on all Your work And muse on Your deeds.
- **Psalms 119:100** I understand more than the aged, Because I have observed Your precepts.
- Remember Gideon's growth (**Judges 6-7**)

He was zealous for God. He abhorred evil.

- **1 Samuel 17:26,36,45-47**
- Hate comes across as a bad word, but do we not Hate murder? Rape? Child abuse? Etc.?
- **Romans 12:9** ... Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.
- Both the hatred of evil and the love of what is good stir us up to act. There are some things that just rile us. Is it the burning of the American flag? Is it those who abuse animals or children?
- **Psalms 45:6-7** Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom. (7) You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your fellows.
- **Psalms 101:1-8** A Psalm of David. I will sing of lovingkindness and justice, To You, O LORD, I will sing praises. (2) I will give heed to the blameless way. When will You come to me? I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart. (3) I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not fasten its grip on me. (4) A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will know no evil. (5) Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy; No one who has a haughty look and an arrogant heart will I endure. (6) My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me; He who walks in a blameless way is the one who will minister to me. (7) He who practices deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who speaks falsehood shall not maintain his position before me. (8) Every morning I will destroy all the wicked of the land, So as to cut off from the city of the LORD all those who do iniquity.
 - EXTRA: **Psalm 97:10**
- **John 2:13-17** The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. (14) And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. (15) And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; (16) and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a place of business." (17) His disciples remembered that it was written, "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME." [Psalm 69:9]
- Don't stir the pot just to stir the pot: **Proverbs 6:16-19** There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him..., And one who spreads strife among brothers.
- There are times to confront evil
 - Phinehas (**Numbers 25:1-13**)
- We are to be gentle
 - **Romans 14, 1 Cor 8**
 - **Galatians 6:1** Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a **spirit of gentleness**; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.
 - **2 Timothy 2:25** with **gentleness** correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

He feared God more than he feared man

- Feared God more than he feared Goliath
- He was NOT swayed by others' fear (v11, 24) or others' ridicule (v28-30)
- **Psalms 27:1** A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?
- **Luke 12:4-5** "I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. (5) "But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!
- **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- **Mark 8:38** "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."
- **Revelation 21:8** "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

He did something – this wasn't just a mental acknowledgement. He acted.