

Sermon Outline:

Biblical Truth: In the rise of David, we see a king we wouldn't choose, conquer an enemy we couldn't defeat.

1. Sent by his father to serve his brothers. (12-18)
2. Passionate for God's people. (19-27)
3. Prepared God's way. (28-40)
4. Zealous for God's glory. (41-47)
5. Defeats our greatest enemy. (48-51)
6. Transforms hearts and lives. (52-54)

Discussion Questions:

In David's fight with Goliath, we see a foreshadowing of Jesus, the One Who was sent to defeat our greatest enemies and transform hearts and lives.

1. Read 1 Samuel 17:17-18, Galatians 4:3-5 and Romans 5:6. Why did God send David? Why did the Father send Jesus?

Consider the timing of David being sent in 1 Samuel 17 and the unique timing of Jesus being sent. Do you think God still sends people at "the right time" to do His will? Discuss where you have seen this in your life.

2. Read 1 Samuel 17:26. Are you protective of your brothers and sisters in Christ? Do you take offense when others wrongly criticize them? Why should God's people protect one another in this way?
3. Read 1 Samuel 17:34-37. Looking back, can you identify times where you believe God was preparing you for a specific mission or purpose down the road? In what ways might God be preparing you for a particular mission in the future?
4. Read 1 Samuel 17:45-47. Notice how often David indicates God's glory as his motivation. And consider that Jesus raised the bar as His life on earth showed a continual passion for God's glory. Does your daily mode of operation show a zeal for God's glory?
5. Read 1 Samuel 17:48-51. The first time you heard of David and Goliath, you may have thought of yourself as David who has the ability to defeat your personal Goliaths. But more accurately, David foreshadows Jesus, who has and will defeat Satan on our behalf. All we must do is trust Jesus. In what ways is this a better way to interpret this historical event?
6. Compare 1 Samuel 17:11, 24 with vv52-53. Notice how this one event impacted Israel. In what ways has the cross changed who you are, what you do, and how you do it?