**Once Upon a Time … David Killed Goliath**

1 Samuel 17

**1 Samuel 17:3 (ESV)**And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.

**1 Samuel 17:4 (ESV)**And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.

**1 Samuel 17:8 (ESV)**He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.

**1 Samuel 17:9 (ESV)**If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.”

**1 Samuel 17:10 (ESV)**And the Philistine said, “I defy the ranks of Israel this day. Give me a man, that we may fight together.”

**1 Samuel 17:11 (ESV)**When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

**When you face your giants …**

1. **God will guide you.**

**1 Samuel 17:17 (ESV)**And Jesse said to David his son, “Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers.

**1 Samuel 17:18 (ESV)**Also take these ten cheeses to the commander of their thousand. See if your brothers are well, and bring some token from them.”

1. **God will encourage you.**

**1 Samuel 17:26 (ESV)**And David said to the men who stood by him, “What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?”

**1 Samuel 17:27 (ESV)**And the people answered him in the same way, “So shall it be done to the man who kills him.”

**1 Samuel 17:28 (ESV)**Now Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke to the men. And Eliab’s anger was kindled against David, and he said, “Why have you come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle.”

**1 Samuel 17:29 (ESV)**And David said, “What have I done now? Was it not but a word?”

**1 Samuel 17:30 (ESV)**And he turned away from him toward another, and spoke in the same way, and the people answered him again as before.

1. **God will prepare you.**

**1 Samuel 17:33 (ESV)**And Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth.”

**1 Samuel 17:34 (ESV)**But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock,

**1 Samuel 17:35 (ESV)**I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him.

**1 Samuel 17:36 (ESV)**Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God.”

**1 Samuel 17:37 (ESV)**And David said, “The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you!”

**1 Samuel 17:38 (ESV)**Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail,

**1 Samuel 17:39 (ESV)**and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.” So David put them off.

**1 Samuel 17:40 (ESV)**Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd’s pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine.

*[Build list]*

*Little battles in life get us ready for big battles.*

*Private victories prepare us for public victories.*

*Our ideas cannot compete with God’s power.*

*God knows you and God will use you.*

1. **God will empower you.**

**1 Samuel 17:41 (ESV)**And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him.

**1 Samuel 17:42 (ESV)**And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance.

**1 Samuel 17:43 (ESV)**And the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

**1 Samuel 17:45 (ESV)**Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

**1 Samuel 17:46 (ESV)**This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,

**1 Samuel 17:48 (ESV)**When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

**1 Samuel 17:49 (ESV)**And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

**1 Samuel 17:50 (ESV)**So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David.

**1 Samuel 17:51 (ESV)**Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.