

THE FAITH OF DAVID

1 Samuel 17:31 - 37, 45, 48 - 50

Devotional Reading: Psalm 27

Background Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1 - 58

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- **GIVE** the reason for David's confidence
- **EXPLAIN** the most important parts of David's initiative
- **STATE** one or more ways to have the courage of David when facing the figurative Goliaths of life

INTRODUCTION: Israel was at war with the Philistines. Goliath, a Philistine champion, offered an alternative to all-out war. He challenged Israel to send out a man to fight him. In David, we see the power of a life built around faith in God. The story shows the power of a single faith-filled life which inspired an entire army to victory. David trusts that God will enable him to slay the giant, even though he is a boy and not a warrior.

KEY VERSE *37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.*

1 Samuel 17:37 / KJV

LESSON:

David's Initiative

1 Samuel 17:31 - 37

Battle's Outcome

verses 45, 48 - 50

SUMMARY: While Saul and the Israelites were terrified by Goliath's size, David saw his vulnerabilities and relied on God for victory. Central to this story is David's confidence in defeating Goliath. It is important to see the confidence had in God. He didn't place trust in his abilities. He never wavered in his belief that God would deliver him from the enemy and grant him victory. The battle was an exercise of faith.

QUESTIONS:

1. *What situations from your past give you confidence in your own abilities?*
2. *How can you encourage young people to exercise wise leadership?*
3. *What are some spiritual weapons Christians have that the world might consider weak or ineffective [consider 2 Corinthians 10:4?]*

**Daily Bible Readings for
December 10, 2023**

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DAY / DATE	SCRIPTURE	
Mon., Dec. 4 th	Faith and Courage	Joshua 1:1 - 9
Tue., Dec. 5 th	The Son of Man Came to Serve	Matthew 20:25 - 34
Wed., Dec. 6 th	Ask in Faith	Matthew 21:18 - 22
Thurs., Dec. 7 th	The Faithful Will Wait on the Lord	Psalms 27
Fri., Dec. 8 th	Rekindle God's Gift and Stand Firm	2 Timothy 1:3 - 14
Sat., Dec. 9 th	Israel's Wavering Faith	1 Samuel 17:1, 3 - 4, 8, 20 - 30
Sun., Dec. 10 th	Faith that God Will Act	1 Samuel 17:31 - 37, 45, 48 - 50