

## Victories & Valleys: A study in the life of David

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1 Samuel 17



*On Sunday we continued our new series Victories & Valleys: a study in the life of David. The story of David and Goliath is a familiar one. Often times we see David as the hero of the story, but really God is the hero. The Israelites wanted a king to protect them from their enemies, but their chosen king who looks the part seems to be “all show-no go” in this moment. God uses David to remind the Israelites that God is the true king who can use a shepherd boy with some stones to bring down giants.*

### Getting Started

How have you heard the David and Goliath story before? What ways have you thought about it? How did Sunday’s message impact your view of this story?

### Read

1 Samuel 17

### Digging Deeper

- From the text above, David’s vision is different than other people in the story. Others see reasons for fear and hesitation, but David sees only reasons for taking immediate action. As you read 1 Samuel 17, is there a verse or phrase that captures this? Point those out together.
- On Sunday Toran mentioned the “goggles” that David was wearing that gave him God’s vision. What are some of the goggles you find yourself wearing right now? Parents and upbringing? The media we consume? Something else?
- This story reveals two things: (1) The more we trust what God has said about our future the more we’re not afraid to act in the present and (2) The more we immerse ourselves in knowing God’s heart the more we begin to see with the eyes of faith. Which of these two things did you need to hear on Sunday? Why?
- Like David, trust and reliance on God is how we win. Are there any “giants” in your life right now that God is inviting you into trust and reliance on Him to face?



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