

Remnant Life Church
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How David Saw Goliath
Part 2
I Sam 17:4-50

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- David had a choice on how to view what was going on around him
 - He certainly could have chosen the conventional wisdom of Saul and his army
 - There is without question a time and place for conventional wisdom
 - But there are also times that call for thinking in a way that might go contrary to the popular opinion
 - Will I look at the challenges, especially the very big ones, of my life with the limited vision of the faithless and the world or through the eyes of faith in God?
- Hadden Robinson
 - *In any situation, who and what you ARE determines what you see, and what you see determines what you DO.*

David and Goliath

- Goliath had a plan and stuck with it for nearly 6 weeks (*17:16*)
- David witnessed all of this and could have seen the giant in one of two ways
 - Either without faith or with it
 - And what he decided determined how he saw the situation and that determined what he would do

We asked what does being faithless bring as opposed to what being filled with faith bring?

1. The view of the faithless brings fear
 - Fear comes when we live by sight and not by faith
 - And then a secondary effect of faithlessness is it spreads to others
2. The view of being filled with faith brings courage
 - While the view of the faithless brings fear, God gives courage
 - Courage is a confidence in the unlimited power of God
 - Courage removes the focus on our own physical, mental, and emotional limitations and replaces it with the power of God in us

What did David do to defeat the obstacle of the faithless that we should still use today?

1. He ignored the doubters (*17:33*)
 - Saul expressed his doubt

- His brothers expressed their doubts
 - Any soldier who overheard David would have said, “Seriously? This kid is going to go out there? Against him?!”
- It has been said that not one great thing was ever accomplished without those who doubted saying it could not be done
- In the late 1930’s two brothers, Richard and Maurice, wanted to open a restaurant that focused on one main food
 - Nobody they approached was willing to invest with them because, they were told, it would never work - people like and want variety
 - But they did not listen, pushed forward with their plans, and as of 2023 there are over 40,000 McDonald’s restaurants in 119 countries around the world
- If they had listened to the doubters, they never would have succeeded
- David ignored those who said he could not defeat the giant

2. The second thing David did was he remembered his “Only God” Stories

- These are the times that God answered a specific prayer
 - And the Bible is filled with them – the Red Sea; the fiery furnace; Lazarus, the feeding of the 5000, etc.
 - We certainly have them hear at RLC (giving)
 - We all have them but satan desperately wants you to forget them
 - But David did not forget them; he recounted his “Only-God” stories of his encounters with the bear and the lion
 - David was in essence saying – God did it for me then and He will do the same for me here!
 - You can choose to either dwell on the limitations that we each have, or you can recall your “Only-God” stories and know that God is able where you are not

3. He acted boldly in the face of intimidating circumstances (17:43-47)

- It is not enough to simply believe – it takes action!
 - Verse 20 tells us that the Israeli army lined up for battle every day but never did anything
 - One of my favorite verses in the Bible is **I Sam 17:49** - *As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him*
- God is actively involved in our lives every day
 - He was active at creation
 - He was active in sending His Son to pay the penalty for our sins
 - And He is active in the preparation for the return of His Son
- How active are you in the face of what you are facing that appears to be a giant?
 - Some people shut down
 - Some try and hide like Saul did when they were ready to make him king (**I Sam 10:21-22**)

- Others ignore the problem hoping it will go away
- We serve a God of action and our circumstances should never change our desire to be active for Him in His service

David ignored the doubters, he remembered what God had done for him in the past, he took bold action and finally...

4. He gave God all the Glory!

- And David did this before he went out to meet Goliath when he said...
- *(17:47) All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands.*"
- David was a foreshadowing of Jesus who was yet to come
 - David did battle on behalf of the nation of Israel in the power of God's might
 - Jesus did battle on our behalf in the power of His Father's might
 - Today we do battle against sin and the schemes of satan in the power of our Lord and Savior's might
- How do you see the challenges and problems of life as you walk through your day?
 - Is it through a vision of faithlessness that is dependent on your limited strength and resources?
 - Or is it a faith-filled vision that sees beyond the natural because you know who goes with you?

How did David see Goliath?

- Certainly not like those around him
 - Conventional thinking and common sense was not what was called for
- The right vision and how you see your giants through the eyes of faith will give you the right perspective!

When Goliath came against the Israelites, the soldiers looked at him and said, "He's so big, there's no way we can kill him."

But David looked at that same giant and said, "He's so big, there's no way I can miss!"

This morning, see your giants through the eyes of faith!