

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: July 13, 2022
1 Samuel 17:1-30

1. What happened in our last Bible Study?
 - a. A tormenting spirit came upon Saul and his attendants searched for someone who could bring relief.
 - b. Saul brought in David and when he played the lyre, the spirit left.
 - c. Saul liked David and made him one of his armor bearers.

2. What is happening now, according to 17:1-7?
 - a. The Philistines were gathered for war.
 - b. Saul and the Israelites assembled and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines.
 - c. The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.
 - d. A champion named Goliath came out of the Philistine camp. He was tall and well-armored.

3. What, according to verses 8-10, was Goliath shouting at the Israelites? _____

4. How, according to verse 11, did the Israelites react? _____

5. What do we learn in verses 12-14?
 - a. We learn that the author must have had amnesia, because he is telling us who David is again. Didn't he remember writing the last story?
 - b. David's brothers are in the army with Saul, but David himself is going back and forth between the camp and his father who needs his help tending the sheep.

6. How long, according to verse 16, were the Israelites camped there listening to Goliath yell at them and challenge them? _____

7. How did David really enter into this story and situation, according to verses 17-24? _____

8. How many times do you suppose David had heard Goliath during this time?
 - a. Probably not as many as the rest of the army, since he was going back and forth.
 - b. Apparently enough for him to decide something needed to be done.

9. What were the Israelites saying, according to verses 25? _____

If this would be the reward, why had no one done anything for 40 days? _____

10. How did David respond to Goliath, according to verse 26? _____

What did Eliab say to David in verse 28? _____

Have you ever had somebody respond in this way when you were trying to follow the will of God?
Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____
Was it true? _____

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1 Samuel 17:31-58

11. What happened in verse 31? _____
What does David say to Saul in verse 32? _____

- What was Saul's response? _____

12. What does David say to try to convince Saul that he can defeat Goliath, according to verses 34-37a?

- How did Saul respond after that, according to verse 37b? _____

13. What did Saul do in verses 38-39a? _____

14. What did David do, according to verses 39b-40? _____

15. What was Goliath's response as David approached, according to verses 41-44? _____

- How did David handle Goliath's insults, according to verses 45-47? _____

- How do you respond to the attacks of an enemy that is confident he can defeat you? _____

- Is this arrogant as Eliab would have suggested? _____

16. What happened in the battle, according to verses 48-51?
- a. As the Philistine moved closer to attack, David ran toward him and slung a stone at him from a distance, hitting him in the forehead.
 - b. The stone sank into his forehead and he fell facedown on the ground.
 - c. So David triumphed...without a sword in his hand....
 - d. David took the Philistine's sword and killed him and cut off his head after he was already dead.
17. What happened next, according to verses 51b-53? _____

18. What do you think the "moral" or point of application of this story is?
- a. Make sure you cut off the head.
 - b. When everybody else is afraid, somebody has to stand up for God's interest in this world.
 - c. If God is with you, you can be successful no matter how outmatched you are.
 - d. Sometimes the person that seems to have the advantage only has an advantage if you fight the way he expects. Goliath never saw that attack coming and was unprepared for that kind of fight. This story would have been very different if David had accepted Saul's armor.
19. Do you face "enemies" in your life that threaten to demoralize you? _____
How do you fight these battles? _____
