



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

The Shepherd of the Sheep Overcomes! **May 3, 2020**

1 Samuel 17:34-37

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 37 The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

1. For the full context of today's Scripture lesson, read 1 Samuel, chapter 17. (e.g. how much did Goliath's armor weigh?)

2. Goliath represented a "giant" challenge to the army of Israel. What are some physical, spiritual, and emotional challenges that confront people today?

Physical

Spiritual

Emotional

3. Why do you think David took on Goliath?

4. Agree/disagree: David was a very self-confident young man.

5. What parallels do you see between David and Jesus? (In what ways was David a "type" of Christ?)

6. David literally decapitated his enemy. Jesus figuratively decapitated our Enemy (he crushed the serpent's head). What effect can/does that fact have on your struggles against Satan's temptations?

7. As David approached Goliath, he announced, "The battle is the Lord's." Logically, would such a statement compel human action, or stifle it?

8. What good purpose did Goliath serve in David's life?

9. What good purpose can giant challenges serve in our lives?