



1 Samuel 17

Israel is facing their arch enemy the Philistines

- both have large armies
- neither side really has an advantage
- if they go into all out battle a lot of men will die on both sides

-The Philistines send out their champion

Goliath

- he was one of the giants
- about 9ft 9 inches
- 125 pounds of armor
- 15 lb tip on his spear

None of the men of Israel want anything to do with this guy

- There even in a big reward offered if you can kill him (ver 25)
- These are experienced soldiers who are afraid to fight

Ver 17-18 - Along comes David

- David is still a young shepherd boy (maybe 17 or 18 now)
- not a soldier, he's just bringing a care package from dad

Ver 26 - What happens when this kid, David, sees Goliath

David sees what's happening and he is fired up

- David is young and he has a love for God and a passion for God
- the men hear him but still no one is interested in going

Ver 28-30 - Eliab yells at David

- Eliab heard David and told him he was a little punk and needs to be quite
- David doesn't back down
- Still none of the men want to do anything

Ver 32 - Finally David says I'll go

ver 37 - David trusted that the God who helped him defeat lions and bears would help him defeat Goliath

- David then knocks out Goliath with a sling and a stone
- David cuts off Goliath's head and carries it around
- The army of Israel pursues and crushes the Philistine army

*They win this great victory because a young boy was willing to step up and trust God to do something crazy

*the church needs young people like you to be passionate and drive us to serve God more and grow

- it's easier for older people to become complacent and cautious
- this doesn't mean that we don't need to listen to mature wisdom, we need a balance
- *we need you guys while you are young, energetic, passionate, and a little dumb
- *don't wait and say I'll get serious about the Lord when I get older

*What if David had just said I'm a kid, I'll fight the Philistines when I get a little older?

*I encourage you to challenge me. If there are things you want to do as a group please let me know. If there are things you see we can do better, let me know.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Why was David so passionate about killing Goliath?
- 2) What are some things we could have Godly passion about today?
- 3) What gave David confidence to fight Goliath? What experiences from your past give you confidence to serve God?

