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David and Goliath: A Type of Christ ...The Champion Who Fought for Us

Opening Prayer

**Heavenly Father,
We come before You in the precious
name of Jesus. We thank You for Your
Word, which is living, active, and
powerful. Lord, open our hearts and
minds today to see Christ more clearly
in the Scriptures. Help us to understand
that Your Word has always pointed to
Jesus...from Genesis to Revelation. May
Your Holy Spirit teach us, convict us,
and encourage us as we see the victory
You have already won for us through
Your Son. We give You all the glory,
honor, and praise.
In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.**

Introduction: More Than a Children's Story

When many people hear the story of **David and Goliath**, they think of it as a simple lesson about courage:

“Face your giants.”

“Be brave.”

“Have faith in God.”

While those lessons are not wrong, **they are not the main point** of the passage.

The Bible is not primarily about **us** being heroes.

The Bible is about **God's Redeemer**.

Jesus Himself said:

Luke 24:27 (NIV) ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

That includes **1 Samuel 17**.

David is not ultimately a picture of *you*. David is a **type of Christ** ... David is a God-chosen champion who fights a battle the people cannot fight for themselves.

I. Understanding “Typology” in Scripture

A **type** is a real historical person, event, or object that **foreshadows a greater fulfillment in Christ**.

Examples:

- .Adam → Christ (Romans 5)
- .Jonah → Christ (Matthew 12:40)

.Passover Lamb → Christ (1 Corinthians 5:7)

David is one of the **clearest types of Christ** in the Old Testament.

II. The Battlefield: Humanity's Impossible Enemy

1. Goliath Represents Satan and Sin

1 Samuel 17:4 (NIV) ⁴ A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span.

Goliath is:

.A **champion** (Hebrew: *ish habenayim* — “the man between,” a representative fighter)

- .Massive, terrifying, and undefeated
- .Mocking God and God's people

This mirrors Satan:

- .Stronger than humanity
- .A deceiver and accuser
- .Mocking God's people with fear and death

Hebrews 2:14 (NIV) ¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—

**A. The Battlefield Illustration
...“Watching From the Sidelines”**

Visual Illustration:

Imagine a football stadium.

Two teams are on the field. One side sends out a massive, undefeated champion. The other side looks at their bench...no one can match him. The crowd watches helplessly.

Israel was not *fighting* Goliath.
They were *watching*.

Application:

This is how humanity stood against sin, death, and Satan. We were not fighting...we were frozen.

Romans 5:6 (NIV) ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

 **Salvation is not a participation trophy. It is a rescue.**

2. Israel Is Paralyzed by Fear

1 Samuel 17:11 (NIV) ¹¹ On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

Israel represents **fallen humanity**:

- .Unable to defeat the enemy
- .Full of fear
- .No strength to save themselves

This is exactly how Scripture describes us:

Romans 5:6 (NIV) ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

B. Goliath as Fear ...The Medical Diagnosis Example

Modern Example:

Think about a moment when someone hears a doctor say:

“There’s nothing more we can do.”

No amount of bravery, hopefulness, or effort can fix it.

That’s Goliath.

- . Fear that cannot be reasoned with
- . An enemy bigger than human strength

Tie to Christ:

Jesus steps into the hopeless situation and says:

John 11:25 (NIV) ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

👉 Goliath represents problems **too big for human solutions**, requiring divine intervention.

That is what Satan does...he is Goliath here... he puts this in our minds and we begin to believe it.

So this is what God wants us to know...

Romans 12:2 ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

III. David: God's Anointed Champion

1. David Is Chosen, Not Volunteered

David did not seek the fight ... he was **sent by his father.**

1 Samuel 17:17 (NIV) ¹⁷ Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp.

Jesus also was **sent by His Father:**

John 6:38 (NIV) ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

C. David Sent by His Father ... The Firefighter Illustration

Visual Illustration:

When a building is on fire, the trapped people do not send themselves a rescuer. The **fire chief sends one.**

Jesus was **sent**, not summoned.

John 3:17 (NIV) ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

 Salvation is not initiated by sinners...it is initiated by God.

2. Rejected by His Own

David is mocked by his brothers.

1 Samuel 17:28 (NIV) ²⁸ When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."

Jesus experienced the same rejection:

John 1:11 (NIV) ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

D. Rejection by His Brothers ... Family Mockery Example

Modern Example:

Many believers experience ridicule from family:

“You’re taking this Jesus thing too far.”

“That’s just religion.”

David hears this from his own brothers before he ever faces Goliath.

Application:

Rejection often precedes God’s greatest victories.

Matthew 13:57 (NIV) ⁵⁷ And they took offense at him.

But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home.”

IV. The Weapons: Not Human Strength, But God's Power

1. David Rejects Saul's Armor

1 Samuel 17:39 (NIV) ³⁹ David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off.

Human armor cannot defeat a spiritual enemy.

Jesus did not conquer Satan with political power, armies, or violence.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NIV) ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

E. Saul's Armor ... Self-Help Christianity Illustration

Visual Illustration:

Imagine giving a child a firefighter's heavy gear and asking them to run into flames.

It looks impressive ... but it won't save them.

Saul's armor represents:

- Human wisdom
- Religion without power
- Self-help Christianity

Tie to Christ:

Jesus did not save us with:

- . Education
- . Politics
- . Moral reform

He saved us with **the cross**.

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV) ¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

2. The Shepherd's Tools

David uses:

- .A **staff**
- .A **sling**
- .**Five smooth stones**

Jesus came as the **Good Shepherd**.

John 10:11 (NIV) ¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

F. The Stone ... The Unexpected Weapon Illustration

Visual Illustration:

A guided missile destroys a tank not by force...but precision.

David's stone was small, smooth, and unexpected.

Jesus defeated Satan not with angels or armies...but with **“obedient suffering”**.

Isaiah 53:3 (NIV) ³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

👉 God's victories often come through what looks weak.

V. The Stone: Crushing the Enemy's Head

1. The Prophecy from Genesis

Genesis 3:15 (NIV) ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring^[a] and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

This is the **first gospel prophecy**.

The enemy strikes the heel ... the cross.
But the Messiah crushes the head ... total victory.

G. Crushing the Head ... Snake Illustration

Visual Illustration:

If you encounter a snake:

- Step on its **head**, not its tail

Genesis 3:15 was fulfilled when Christ crushed Satan's authority at the cross.

Colossians 2:15 (NIV) ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

👉 The enemy still twists ... but he is defeated.

2. The Stone Hits the Forehead

1 Samuel 17:49 (NIV) ⁴⁹ Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

The **forehead** represents:

- .Authority
- .Mind
- .Control

Satan's defeat is **decisive and complete**.

Jesus defeated Satan at the cross:

Colossians 2:15 (NIV) ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

VI. David's Victory Is Counted as Israel's Victory

David fights **alone**.

Israel contributes **nothing**.

But they share **everything** in the victory.

1 Samuel 17:52 (NIV) ⁵² Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath and to the gates of Ekron. Their dead were strewn along the Shaaraim road to Gath and Ekron.

This is salvation by **grace**, not works.

Ephesians 2:8–9 (NIV) ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

H. Israel's Victory ... The Legal Verdict Illustration

Modern Example:

When a judge declares:

“Not guilty.”

You don't argue.

You don't add evidence.

You walk free.

David's victory was **credited** to Israel.

Christ's victory is **credited** to believers.

Romans 8:1 (NIV) Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

VII. Goliath's Sword Used Against Him

1 Samuel 17:51 (NIV) ⁵¹ David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword.

When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.

The enemy's weapon becomes the instrument of his defeat.

Satan used death to terrify humanity.
Jesus used death to destroy Satan.

Hebrews 2:14–15 (NIV) ¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

I. Goliath's Sword ... The Death Defeated by Death Example

Visual Illustration:

Like a bomb squad using the enemy's explosives to disarm a device...

Jesus used death itself to destroy death.

Hebrews 2:14 (NIV) ¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—

 The grave lost its power at the cross.

VIII. What This Means for Us Today

1. The battle is already won

2. **Your salvation does not depend on your strength**
3. **Your Champion stands victorious**
4. **You fight from victory, not for victory**

1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV) ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

J. Living From Victory ... The War Already Won Illustration

Modern Example:

World War II:

- . D-Day secured victory
- . V-Day announced it

The war was decided before it was finished.

The cross = D-Day

The resurrection = V-Day

**1 Corinthians 15:55 (NIV) ⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”**

Conclusion: Behold Your Champion

David and Goliath is not about **becoming David**.

It is about **trusting the true and better David** ... Jesus Christ.

Where we were powerless,
He was victorious.

Where we were afraid,
He stood firm.

Where death threatened us all,
He crushed the serpent's head.

CLOSING VISUAL APPLICATION

People just picture this:

- . A fallen giant
- . A victorious champion
- . A cheering people who did nothing but believe

That is the gospel!!!

Closing Prayer

**Father God,
We thank You for sending Your Son, our true Champion. Thank You that Jesus fought the battle we could never win and secured eternal victory for us. Help us to rest in His finished work and live boldly in faith, not fear. May our lives glorify the One who crushed the enemy and set us free.**

We praise You, we honor You, and we trust You.

In the powerful and victorious name of Jesus Christ, Amen.