

## “FOR THE BATTLE IS THE LORD’S!”

(1 Samuel 17)

### I. SAMUEL (1 Samuel 1-7)

### II. SAUL (1 Samuel 8-15)

### III. DAVID (1 Samuel 16-31)

#### A. Samuel is sent to Bethlehem to anoint the Lord’s choice for king (16:1-5a)

#### B. Jessie’s sons are brought before the prophet of God (16:5b-13)

#### C. David is introduced to the royal court (16:14-23)

#### D. Another battle with the Philistines (17:1-58)

##### 1. The Philistine champion Goliath defies the army of Israel (17:1-11)

a. As Israel was encamped \_\_\_\_\_ the Philistines in the Valley of Elah, the Philistines sought to decide the battle with a skirmish between \_\_\_\_\_ men.

b. Goliath was a formidable opponent; he was nearly \_\_\_\_\_ tall, and he wore a heavy bronze coat of mail that weighed about \_\_\_\_\_; he also carried a spear with an iron spearhead that weighed approximately \_\_\_\_\_.

\* What was it that Goliath kept repeating for forty days?

##### 2. David hears the giant Goliath’s boast (17:12-30)

a. Out of \_\_\_\_\_ for his three oldest sons, Jesse sent his youngest son David to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the battlefield with a care package for his brothers.

\* What do verses 20 and 22 tell us about David?

b. As the champion of Gath taunted the army of Israel, David \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and he also \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ among the men of Israel.

\* Did David seek out more information and further clarification about the situation?

\* What is telling about David’s interaction with his brother Eliab?

### 3. David offers to accept the Philistine hero's challenge (17:31-37)

- a. Word got around, and soon David was brought before the king and he said, "Let no one \_\_\_\_\_ because of this Philistine, \_\_\_\_\_ and fight him."

\* What was Saul's reasonable response to David's emphatic statement?

- b. David recalled for the king, how the Lord had been \_\_\_\_\_ in the past, and He had already \_\_\_\_\_ him from a lion and a bear.

\* So what was David's present, settled conclusion regarding past victories?

### 4. David kills Goliath and Israel defeats the Philistine army (17:38-54)

- a. Out of concern King Saul attempted to clothe David in his own armor, but David had decided that he would remove them and go with what had already been \_\_\_\_\_, that being his \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

\* How did the Philistine champion view young David, and what did he say to him?

- b. By David's bold response to the giant (in verses 45-47), it is clear that he took the Philistine's taunts very \_\_\_\_\_, and he seen them as an \_\_\_\_\_ on the great Jehovah in whom he \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

- c. By faith David \_\_\_\_\_ to meet Goliath, and he slung a stone into the giant's \_\_\_\_\_, and killed him, so that he fell on his face; the shepherd boy then \_\_\_\_\_ the Philistine's head.

\* How did the Philistine and Israelite army's respond to this shocking finale?

### 5. Saul takes a renewed interest in David (17:55-58)

\*How can all of this apply to you and your life?