

A MAN OF FAITH, BOY DAVID

1 Samuel 17:1-51

Key Verse: 17:45b

* A MAN OF BIG MOUTH, GOLIATH (1-16)

1. *What were the positions and battle lines of the armies of Israel and the Philistines? Describe the Philistine champion. What was his challenge to Israel? How long did this continue? What was his strategy?*
2. *What effect did this challenge have on the Israelites? Why was this Philistine strategy so successful? (1-11) What is at the root of the fear problem? (Mk4:40) What are some of the "Goliaths" we encounter?*

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3. *Who was David? What was his job at home? Why didn't he join the army with his brothers? Why did he visit the front? (12-19)*
4. *What was happening when he arrived? What was the reaction of the Israelites to the champion's challenge? What was David's question? Why did his older brother rebuke him?*
5. *Why did Saul send for David? What shows David's sincerity and determination to accept the challenge?*
6. *When Saul questioned his youth and inexperience, what did David say to convince him that he was not just a big mouth? (29-37) What does this tell us about David?*
7. *How did Saul equip David for battle? Why did David reject this fine equipment? What did he decide to use? Why? (38-40)*
8. *Why was the Philistine confident of victory? Why was David confident of victory? How could he overcome fear? (41-47)*
9. *Describe their battle. (48-50a) What was remarkable about David's victory? (50)*

What happened to the Philistine army? (50b-58)

10. *What secret of the victorious life can we learn here?*