

Against All Odds: How God's Kingdom Triumphs through Humble Heroes – Final Week
Act According to Your Wealth in Christ!
The Amazing Story of David and Goliath – 1 Samuel 17:1-58

Introduction – In our series on 1 Samuel 1-17 we've examined a core concept: *When underdogs live by faith they become overcomers.* The climactic example of this comes in the account of David and Goliath. In this story we learn that victory comes when you know and act on your resources in God, even if you happen to be a young teen.

1. ISRAEL'S PROBLEM – Saul retreats from the battle because he doesn't know his resources in God. 1 Samuel 17:1-24, 26b

- A. Israel and the Philistines square off for yet another fight. 17:1-3
- B. Israel is confronted by a giant named Goliath. 17:4-11
- C. Young David arrives on the scene and is stunned by Israel's lack of faith. 17:12-24, 26b
- D. Insight: When you don't know your resources in Christ, you'll be paralyzed by circumstances.

2. DAVID'S OPPORTUNITY – He rises to the battle because he fully embraces his resources in God. 1 Samuel 17:25-54

- A. *He thinks* – He discerns the nature of his battle before the battle. 17:25-32
- B. *He trusts* – He depends on God's supernatural grace before the battle. 17:33-40a
- C. *He talks* – David declares his faith in God in the battle. 17:40b-47
- D. *He acts* – David defeats his enemy in the battle. 17:48-54
- E. Insight: When you do know your resources in Christ, you'll have courage in your circumstances.

3. OUR RESPONSE – Be a David! 1 Samuel 17:55-58

- A. Personal application – Get to know your resources in Christ.
- B. Corporate application – We need to be a David-type church.