

**“Historical Books Of The Bible”**  
**1 Samuel 17:1-58**  
**Wednesday July 2, 2014**

**1 Samuel 17:2-11**

**1 Samuel 16-31 – The Rise Of David: Saul to David.**

**1 Samuel 16 – David Anointed As Israel’s Future King.**

**1 Samuel 17 – Reveals That David Is God’s King With Spiritual Insight, Faith In God, Willing To Step Out In Faith, Willing To Do God’s Will.**

**1. Verses 1-11 – Goliath’s Challenge**

**2. Verses 12-31 – David’s Visit**

**3. Verses 32-58 – David’s Faith**

**1. Verses 1-11 – Goliath’s Challenge:**

1 Samuel 17:1

“Now” – 1 Samuel 16:21

1 Samuel 17:15

1 Samuel 14:52

“Ephes-dammim” – literally “the boundary of blood”.

1 Samuel 17:2-4

“Champion” – “one sent to decide an outcome” – well-seasoned warrior.

“Goliath” – “the exile, soothsayer”

“Gath” – winepress

“cubit” – 18” to 22” – 8 ½ to 11 feet tall. Most place him at 9 ½’.

1 Samuel 17:5 – “shekel” – 2/3 oz.; armor – 125-200 lbs.

1 Samuel 17:6-7

“head of spear” – 25 lbs.

1 Samuel 17:8-9

## **The winner takes all! We are either victors or slaves!**

1 Samuel 17:10-11

“dismayed” – “to break down, beat down, discourage, go down, terrify.”

“and greatly afraid” – “utterly afraid, over the top dread.”

### **2. Verses 12-31 – David’s Visit:**

1 Samuel 17:12

“Ephrathite” – were a clan within the tribe of Judah. Micah 5:2

“whose name was Jesse” – “to stand out”

1 Samuel 17:13

“Eliab the firstborn,” – “God is Father” – Has bitterness toward David v.28.

“Abinadab the second to him” – “my father is noble.”

“Shammah” – “astonished”

1 Samuel 17:14-15

1 Samuel 16:21-23

1 Samuel 17:16-23

**God’s providence** that David would show up at the exact moment that the morning challenge was going out from Goliath.

1 Samuel 17:24-26

David saw this challenge as spiritual; that Israel had been given the land and Israel was being laughed at by the Philistines. Israel afraid! – Spiritual reproach.

“uncircumcised” – Not in covenant relationship with the true God. Israel was, they weren’t!

1 Samuel 17:27-28

**Whenever you step out by faith to fight the enemy, there’s always somebody around to discourage you.**

“insolence” – (arrogance, pride); “and the wickedness” – (evil, ugliness);  
“of your heart;”

1 Samuel 17:29-31

### **3. Verses 32-58 – David’s Faith:**

1 Samuel 17:32

“David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail on account of him;” – “No one needs to sweat about this man!”

1 Samuel 17:33

**Saul was echoing the report of the ten unbelieving spies who saw the giants in Canaan, Numbers 13:28-29.**

Verses 34-37 – David’s Testimony Of God’s Past Deliverance:

1 Samuel 17:34-36.

**David had experienced the power of God in his own life and he knew that the Lord could turn weakness into power.**

1 Samuel 17:37-39

**David’s encouragement came from God, and this is one of the secrets of his life. 1 Samuel 30:6**

Ephesians 6:12

1 Samuel 17:40

2 Samuel 21:22

1 Samuel 17:41

“Goliath” – 125–200 lbs. of armor, 25 lb. spear, 8 ½’ to 11’ tall – shield-bearer.

David:

1. “Stick”
2. “5 smooth stones”
3. “Sling” – harass, not kill

1 Samuel 17:42

“disdained him” – “unworthy of notice, despised, scorned.”

1 Samuel 17:43-44

Verses 45-47 – David Comes In God’s Authority: 1 Samuel 17:45.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

1 Samuel 17:46-48

“David ran quickly toward the battle line” – excitement about doing God’s will.

1 Samuel 17:49-51

1 Samuel 17:9

1 Samuel 17:52-54

“took the Philistine’s head and brought it to Jerusalem,” – 2 Samuel 5:1-10.

1 Samuel 17:55 – David’s house was now exempt from taxes,

1 Samuel 17:25.

1 Samuel 17:56-58

### **Application:**

1. Whenever We Step Out By Faith To Fight The Enemy, There’s Always Somebody Around To Discourage Us.
2. When David Saw Goliath, He Saw Him As Just Another Animal Attacking God’s Flock.
3. David’s Encouragement Came From God; In Spite Of Criticism, Discouraging Counsel And Bad Advice, David Trusted God, And God Rewarded His Faith.