

David's Heart & Spiritual Warfare

I was reading 1 Samuel, reviewing David's Story, and his heart of a warrior jumped out at me as being highly applicable to the giants we all face in the end times. Arguably the most active and aggressive time human history to war against the spiritual forces of evil. What stood out to me is how David's heart was a foreshadowing of how to use the Spiritual Armor. If you feel like you could fine tune your Spiritual Armor skills, then hang with me through this review of David's story & I'll end with some pretty cool applications for us today.

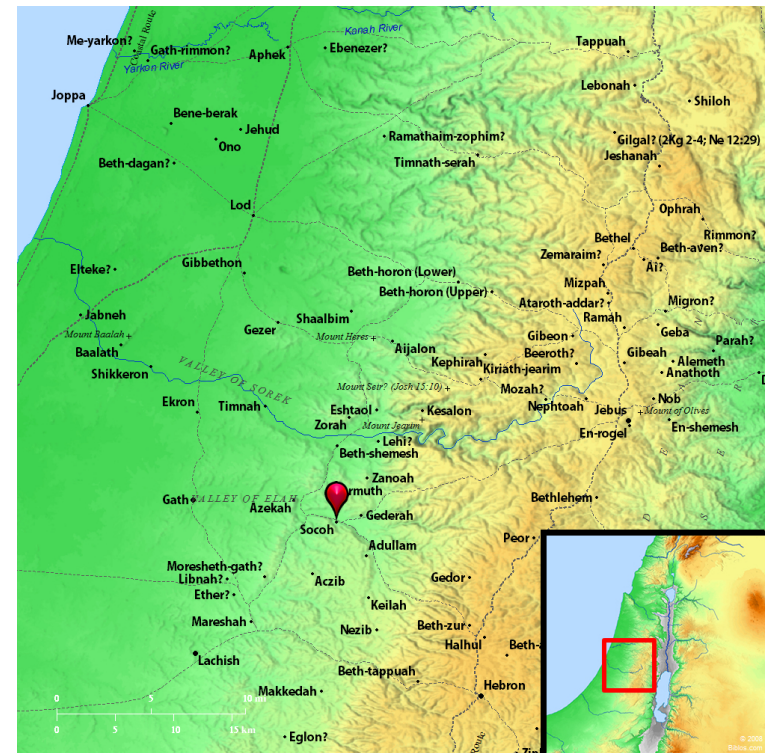
As a review in 1 Samuel 16, David was chosen by God, and anointed by Samuel, and was given the gift of God's Spirit resting upon him, from that day forward. So this is much like the Christian who has the gift of the Holy Spirit. So in 1 Samuel 17, is the story of David & Goliath. I'm going to hit some highlights of it, but rereading it for yourself will probably bring even more richness to this study.

Here's the Highlight Reel

The Philistines gather to battle in Judah. (When hear "Philistines" just think "Team Satan")

They were bold, even though the Israelites had shown that God would defend them, they were like- "Oh were amazing, we could win this EZ... see we have a scary giant- that'll do it!"





The bad guys (demons too) are hiding in the bushes, in dark caves with tactical advantage: on the boundary of where the blood drops ⇒

Valley of Elah = An Oak

Mt Shocho = "Bushy"

Azekah = a field dug over (strategic bc caves under)

Ephes Dammim = the edge of blood/ the boundary of blood drops

Let's Look at the scary Giant:

Almost 11 feet high. Almost 4 yards long. Or for the metric people 3 ½ meters.

So roughly as high as a 1 story house or if laying down as long as a medium sized school bus.

That's pretty big, and understandably intimidating... because he probably had the proportions of a regular man, so he was a brick of dude. Even a 6 foot man would be no match in the physical for this boi.

His armor also an intimidation: His armor weighing 125 pounds, the head of his spear hear close to 5 pounds of iron.. so it was like a cast iron frying pan! Frying pans who knew right?

The Giant came bearing the terms of their fight in verse 9 :

Notice they start out on the offensive and with intimidation

Option 1

If any Israelite can fight me & win =
We will be your servants.

Option 2

But if I win = You will be our servants

What is the reaction of the Grown Ups? (Fear cartoon)

v. 11 Now when Saul and Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were greatly dismayed and greatly afraid.

- dismayed: hathath- shattered, broken, terrified, discouraged and afraid
- afraid: yay-ray- to tremble in dreadful fear, to be very afraid and in awe; to fear for ones life as in the day of judgement

Why do I say grown ups?

Numbers tells us the rules of who goest to battle:

- **Numbers 1:3 From twenty years old and above- all who were able to go to war...**

David is told by his dad to take grain, bread and cheese to the 3 brothers that are on the battle filed.

This means the 3 oldest brothers were over 20

- Based on the basic rules of having kids... in the unlikely event that Jesse & his Wife had a baby every 18 months (9 months of gestation and 6 months of nursing at minimum) then the oldest David could be is 13 years old, being the 8th son.

When Arriving David hears the Giant give his sheep - because he did this Option 1, Option 2 gig every day for 40 days. 🙄

- Ok: there is some rationale to fear loosing, even if it not for ones life... if you loose the entire time of Judah becomes slaves to the philistines... and that's no good. But, it takes a teenager to point out their error.

- We know they had a great incentive; Saul was offering: Riches, The Kings Daughter & The Fathers House dont have to pay taxes!



v. 26 is where we see David's heart come out: the basic response he gives is this

① What shall be done for the man that kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach of Israel

- Reproach = her-paw= the taunt of the enemy/shame & disgrace/scorn- mockery, ridicule.
{Goliath is talking smack and making them feel bad— David is like any scrappy teenage boy— he's like who is going to let this keep on??- We ARE ISAREL!!}- this is embarrassing

② Who is this guy? He points out in his smack talking back the obvious- Israel's God is all powerful, not to be conquered by anyone or anything! This shows David's 100% trust in the Lord God Almighty

- He's a Philistine! (Obviously a huge put down to David)
- He's not even circumcised! (Not holy)
- He is not ABLE to defy the living God! (He has no power!)

Next his Older brother does the typical Older brotherly thing... He tries to discourage and put David down. I mean here on planet earth, here's the Blessed Anointed Baby brother... he prob has some psychological issues he needs to deal with, being passed over by God for the Baby of the family.

- Typical of any one who is discouraging us His brother points out all of the obvious in the physical;
 - Don't you have somewhere else to be? (You are too young to be here)
 - You are prideful (you scrawny teenager, you THINK you could take on this giant)
 - You are insolent (you rude disrespectful child! The ADULTS are dealing with the problem- go away)
 - You need to go watch the sheep (Go do your petty chores, go away- we do not take you seriously- we MEN are doing the work here)

David responds to His brother in typical brotherly fashion:

- What have I done now?
- Is there not a cause?

(Basically he's saying- I haven't done anything wrong, you guys are allowing this cockroach to dishonor the entire country of Israel- no one is doing anything, this is embarrassing!)

So David runs off to tell the same thing to other men in the army, trying to say, hey you big babies, if you are too scared... I'll do it....

He's is a fighter, he goes all the way to the King and Mockingly says in verse 32 "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant (or I) will go and fight the Philistine. (Lemme At HIM!!)

- The let no mans hear fail= that is used many times from the Lord:
- Napale- to fall a die violently death, to waste away or be overthrown
- Aposookoh- to breathe ones last breath, to faint and swoon away; to be so emotionally affected that one faints or dies 🌟
- Luke 21:26. Mens hearts failing from fear and expectation of those things which are coming of the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken
- Josh 2:8-13- vs 11 = (this is of Rahab's fear of the Israelites bc of their reputation) As soon as we hear these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the Lord Your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.
- They were instructed: Is 51:7 Listen to Me, You who know righteousness, You people in whose heart is My law: DO not fear the reproach of men, Nor be afraid of their insults.

Of course the King is like, yeah right, your just a kid...

But David does not relent... He sell's himself... He's like I got skills

David's Pitch to the King: in vs 34

- 1) I keep my father's sheep
- 2) A lion & A bear both came and took a sheep in it's mouth and ran off
- 3) I chased em down
- 4) I struck em
- 5) It rose up against me
- 6) I took it by the beard & struck it again
- 7) I killed it. - 2 times !!

And in vs 36 he says : I have killed both a lion & a bear ~ and this is an unholy cockroach of a philistine, t's will be like killing and wild beast... basically he is saying "**I have no fear!**" And he means it

Why does he have no fear? Look at the end of verse 36 & the start of 37 ... because he has defiled the armies of the Living God... the LORD delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the from the hand of this *philistine!*

He is showing previous, trials & faith with proven actions by God on His behalf... that is why he is confident - he is not a typical cocky teenager trying out his adult boots, he is confident in the Lord God Almighty, which the King and the Adults should have done...

So the King finally lets him go to battle.

Skip over the awkward armor that he sheds, which represents man's way of fighting in the flesh and with physical strength.

And jump to the fight.

1. He grabs the tools he is comfortable fighting with, 5 stones and a shepherds staff.
2. He walks toward the Giant
3. The Giant mocks him and tries to lay a curse on him with his false gods...
4. The giants says ok, puny kid, let's rumble- this will be easy peasy...
5. David prepares for war by claiming how he will win- through the Lord for what reason? To show everyone there is a God in Israel, that men's tools are not doing the saving, but the power of God through them
6. He committed his efforts to the Lord
7. Then he RAN toward the Giant -major confidence here
8. He took our his tool of choice, the rock
9. In his first show he nailed the giant not he forehead and the Goliath fell flat on his face
10. But David didn't stop there, he ran over and took his sword out and finished the job by cutting his head off.
11. Then there was a victory cry.

How does this apply to the Christian?

- 1) Understand that the whole reason David got mixed up in this fight is that the adults were shameful and a disgrace to God's power, but submitting to the "bad guys" "demons" whatever we want to call it. Why?
 - It screams they did not suit up in the Armor of God- they let their guard down, or they would not have had an entire army in their country/for us in our presence and or mind
 - It says a door was opened- for them a guard was not watching, for us TV, books, music, some games, partaking in thing you should not, disobedience to the Bible, these things open us up, make weak spots the enemy can attack us... pray and ask what needs to God, the Lord will show you.
 - It also declares loudly, that in their soul, they felt they were going to lose, same with the Christian, we have been taught in our generation to cower away from evil.. run from being entertained and intertwined, yes... fearful of in as if to lose, no... we have the Lord God almighty on our side, and it is shameful that our generation really doesn't know how to fight spiritually... the shepherd or churches have let us down there in most cases. So don't take it personally if you feel weak in this area, I wasn't taught this formally, I had to seek after it, I wanted the tools, I wanted the power to conquer in God's power.

We need to Learn from David... how to properly approach war w the Cockroaches... Oh I mean team Satan.

- 1) Be fearless
- 2) When there is shame and injustice take a stand
- 3) Don't listen to the "big brothers" of this world or the "giants"
- 4) Get your confidence from God
- 5) Be aggressive and authoritative in God's power
- 6) Use the war tools you are most comfortable with, which have been practiced with & proven
- 7) Have righteous anger- this is war and souls are at stake- get aggressive
- 8) Finish the Job

Let's look at the play by play and see how it aligns with the Armor of God from Ephesians for deeper insight: Ephesians 6:10-18 (yes I take it to 18- we add goggles, walkie talkie & batteries)

	David/Goliath	Armor/Tactic	Us	Verses 2 Read
1	Weapon= Rock	<u>Helmet of Salvation</u> : Jesus = The Rock/The cornerstone	*Have Jesus before starting, keep him on your tongue for easy use	1 John 4:4. Eph 6:11-18 Acts 26:18. 2 Cor 10:4. Gal 2:20
2	Walks toward Giant	<u>Sandals of Peace</u>	*Walk in Fearless Peace confident in the Gospel and what it provides for you	Zeph 3:17. Deut 3:22 Rom 8:31, 37. Josh 1:9 John 16:33. 2 Cor 16:13
3	*Giant Mocks, taunts *lays a curse on him from false god	<u>Shield of Faith</u> vs fiery darts of the wicked one	*Don't allow listen to the enemies lies *The false gods have now power vs the real God so it's like a fake curse/ powerless *Have faith that what God says about you is truth & that they are powerless	James 4:7 1 Cor 10:13 1 Peter 4:12-13
4	*Giant decides to take him on	<u>God's Goggles</u>	*Assess the situation *Stay alert & Watchful	1 Peter 5:8-9 Eph 6:18
5	*David claims the victory through the Lord *TO elevate God & prove He sustain through the tools it is not their own power	<u>Breastplate of Righteousness</u> ; hides the heart- these truths were in Established David's heart	*Know in your heart that God will deliver what he has promised *speak the scriptures you store up in your heart *Literally claim the victory through Christ and commit to help bringing the victory Glory to God to all who hear	Mark 3:15. Rom 4:9 Is 54:17 1 Cor 12:5 Jer 51:20. 1 Thes 5:8 2 Tim 4:18 Josh 10:26
6	David commits his efforts to the Lord	<u>Walkie Talkie</u>	*Pray commit your efforts to the Lord	Zech 4:6 2 Cor 10:3

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7	David RUNS at the Giant with confidence	<u>Shield of Faith</u>	*In faith take the situation head on *lay it in God's hands	Matt 17:20. Acts 6:8 Luke 17:5-6. Rom 1:17
8	David took the rock and flung it at Goliath	<u>The Belt of Truth: Speak Truth</u> Use the Name of Jesus (the rock) as many times as needed, and declare the truths about Jesus, and truth about their situation at them... if you need to speak in in Hebrew or greek or whatever, do it. Use his various full titles and names Tap into His power and let Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the angels do it for you, you stand firm in faith-BELIEVE it.	*Aggressively Hurl the Gospel at them: *Jesus Christ the Son of God has the power here, you are powerless In the name of Jesus the Lamb of God I order you to leave and not come back! *Jesus died on the cross, he is the son of the one true living God , he was raised conquering death to live a new live given all authority of the Father, and you are under THEIR authority, you have no right to be here, I am a child of the King, a child of God and you can't touch me- Get behind me Satan! *you have no power over me or my house or my family, GO AWAY in JESUS might name, Jesus the son of God, Jeshua, Jesus the Christ, the Savior *In Jesus name I command you, bind you from being here, I bind any spirits, influences, demons, whatever, in Jesus Holy Righteous name, to go away, and Lord Jesus please build a hedge of protection of your holy Spirit and your might angels around us, surround us and give us your mighty power and strength to keep all ever from us, it is only through your mighty power that we are safe. *I rebuke you in the mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ Son of the Living God	2 Thes 3:2-3 Luke 10;19 Psalm 91 Matt 18:18-19 Deut 28:7 John 8:32 Matt 16:18 1 John 3:8 Psalm 18:39 2 Chron 20:15 John 1:1 John 14:6 Rev 12:10 Mark 8:3 Luke 4:8 Jude 1:9 Job 1:9-12 Zech 3:2
9	Goliath is hit between the eyes & falls	<u>Helmet of Salvation:Nothing can stand vs Jesus</u>	*Step one Jesus name makes them fall or run	Acts 19:16. Mark 1:25-7 Acts 16:18. 1 Thes 5:8

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10	David with his sword and finished the job	<u>Sword of the Spirit</u> <u>Walkie-Talkie:</u> Praying w Prayer & Supplication in the Spirit <u>Batteries:</u> Persevere v 18	*Step two call the Holy Spirit into action to complete the job... we are not cleaver enough to have all the right names for them , or magical words to say, release the song ones on our team to do the work on our behalf.	Eph 6:18 Is 40:31
11	Everyone rejoiced in the Victory of God's power	<u>Breastplate of Righteousness;</u> hides the heart- the joy naturally bubbles out of the heart	*Tell others and rejoice as you have victories in the Lord's power, it strengthens you and it encourages them, for non Christians it is a testimony tot he power of the one true God	1 Cor 15:57 Ps 20:5 Habbk 3:18 Phil 4:4

Bonus Tips

- Pray the Armor on It does effect the outcome
- Pray past yourself, pray for the entire Body of Christ
- Ask God to teach you to use the armor and how to war
- Read your Bible & Pray more than you think you have time for
- Pray with passion from the heart
- Read/Speak the Bible at them
- Rebuke them in the name of Jesus.
(Rebuke = aphorizo= mark off from others- place boundaries or limits on/separate or divide away from)
- Order in in Jesus name to leave you, order them back to the pit of Hell
- Sing/Play Christian music as much as possible
- When you move to a new place go from room to room and commit the place to Christ, and bind all evil from the place
- When non-Christians visit, pray before and after they leave for protection, ministry opportunities and power over any demons they may drag in
- Don't engage in a convo is Spirit talks back to you- you own it, just keep saying the name of Jesus at them louder and with more confidence
- Understand that just like in Daniel 13, Demons have authority over certain places- that have been given over to them, stay away and out of all of these areas if possible, if not pray for your personal protection- they may own the zone, but they cannot touch you under God's authority... just keep saying Jesus- they really hate it.
- Sometimes you need to get more people to pray along side of you and uphold you like Moses and those holding up his arms until they win the battle
- Don't go in unprepared Ps 18:34, Prov 24:10, Eph 6:10, Prob 21:3, 1 Thes 3:10 SOLDIERS TRAIN!

I hope this has helped you. I found this super fascinating how truly David used the same Ideals taught to the church in Ephesians I know I had to learn the old fashioned way, pray, look up verses, make lists of things, hopefully this has cut your learning curve. Be safe out there and hang tough.

