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# DAVID AND GOLIATH

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

1) This material is designed for one session or four sessions.

2) The SET OF COMPREHENSIVE QUESTIONS is designed for one session.

3) You can stretch the lesson into four sessions with the other sets of questions.

4) It is recommended that the teacher is well prepared before class.

5) It is recommended that the students come to class with their answers written out.

6) Answers can be written on the back of the questions page.

7) The teacher can choose a select number of questions or all of them.

# Comprehensive Questions (I Sam 17:1-18:16)

1. Did David play a role in becoming a chosen vessel? (See I Kings 11:34 & 2 Chron 16:9.)	21. Was selecting five stones rather than one stone an indication of a lack of confidence?
2. How was his keeping the commandments related to being a chosen vessel? (I Ki 11:34)	22. Was it God's will for David to wear Saul's armor? Please explain.
3. Can you name one or two obvious steps in becoming a man after God's own heart?	23. Was David shy about who he was serving? (I Sam 17:45)
4. How did God view the appearances of these two men? (See I Sam 16:7, 12; 17:4-5.)	24. Can you discuss the relation between faith and actual practice for battle? (I Sam 17:47)
5. Are there two Goliaths <sup>1</sup> , as some say? (I Sam 17:2-4; II Sam 21:18-19; I Chron 20:5.)	25. Once the battle began did David shrink back in his task? (I Sam 17:48)
6. Can you name David's motives? (I Sam 17:26-27, 30; I Sam 17:26, 36, 45-46)	26. Can you discuss how God likes to give the underdog the victory? (Psalm 147:10-11)
7. Does God work through human motive? (See Psalm 76:10, Prov 16:2, & Matt 26:2.)	27. Do you think God purposely lessened Israel's confidence to give David opportunity?
8. How was he Saul's servant and a shepherd for his dad at the same time? (I Sam 17:15)	28. How about discussing David's trophy? (I Sam 17:54)
9. How have your past Goliaths shaped you to take on your future Goliaths?	29. On the surface level, what should you do if you lose the battle? Is failure an option?
10. Does believing that God will help you with your Goliath guarantee worldly success?	30. What should you do with your trophies or rewards?
11. What prepared David to take on Goliath? (See I Sam 17:34-36.)	31. How should trophies be managed once they surface?
12. Were there any indications that David complained about his time at boot camp?	32. Would being nervous before a battle signify a lack of trust in God?
13. Did boot camp effectively train David? So, God knows when David was ready, right?	33. Did God hold it against David that he wanted to be tax free for life?
14. Why did God not hinder the wild animals from entering David's domain?	34. How can the risk of pride be diminished after such a kill?
15. Can you discuss this account in light of being molded by God? (See Job 23:10.)	35. What should be done after such a kill to keep the experience at Ai from returning?
16. Will it hurt when God molds you? Will it be worth it?	36. How should Saul have reacted to the song sung by the women? (See I Sam 18:7.)
17. What attitudes should we nurture when we are in boot camp?	37. How should you evaluate risks? What risks should you not take or not take?
18. What is the difference between pain in boot camp and pain from being punished?	38. How do you draw a fine line between healthy and dangerous risks?
19. Which is more important in the training process, the process or end-result?	39. How should you feel when someone more skilled shows up onto the scene?
20. How do you know it's God who is training you and not just an unnecessary challenge?	40. In the second "introduction," did Saul ask about David's name or his dad's name??

<sup>1</sup> The brother of Goliath, Lahmi, was killed by Elhanan. The context, location and time were completely different from David's account.

<sup>2</sup> See I Sam 17:55-58. This round was not an introduction to David. Saul was asking about David's family and nothing else.

# David Embraces a Challenge (I Sam 17:1-31)

1. Was the kingship of Saul doomed from the beginning? (See Gen 49:10; I Sam 9:21.)	21. Did God have this challenge planned in order to assist in David's rise in Israel?
2. Did David play a role in becoming a chosen vessel? (See I Kings 11:34 & 2 Chron 16:9.)	22. What did the slaying of Goliath do for Israel?
3. Was David's own tribe related to his service to Israel? (See Gen 49:10 & Matt 1:3-6.)	23. What roles did David play for Saul? What about for Jesse? (I Sam 16:21-23; 17:34)
4. Was the condition of David's heart play a role in his future work? (See I Sam 13:14.)	24. How was he Saul's servant and a shepherd for his dad at the same time? (I Sam 17:15)
5. How was his keeping the commandments related to being a chosen vessel? (I Ki 11:34)	25. Did Saul meet David twice, via music and via slaying Goliath? Is this a contradiction?
6. Can you name one or two obvious steps in becoming a man after God's own heart?	26. When facing your Goliath, do you immediately put your trust in God?
7. Was David himself willing to take on Goliath? Anybody pressure him? (I Sam 17:32)	27. How should you pray when you face your Goliath? Should you only pray at this time?
8. How did God view the appearances of these two men? (See I Sam 16:7, 12; 17:4-5.)	28. When was last time you faced a challenge? What type of challenge makes you cringe?
9. Which brothers of David were in the army, and what were their thoughts on Goliath? <sup>1</sup>	29. How do you establish a disciplined prayer life?
10. Regarding Israel's thoughts toward Goliath, what did this reveal about their hearts?	30. How have your past Goliaths shaped you to take on your future Goliaths?
11. What do you think David was thinking during these forty days? (I Sam 17:16)	31. Since God puts Goliath in front of you, don't you think he will see you through it?
12. Are there two Goliaths? <sup>2</sup> (See I Sam 17:2-4; II Sam 21:18-19; I Chron 20:5.)	32. Does God put a Goliath in front of you that you cannot handle?
13. How did God's providence bring David to the battlefield? (I Sam 17:17-18)	33. Have you thanked God for helping you with past Goliaths?
14. Can you name one of David's motives for slaying the giant? (See I Sam 17:26-27, 30.)	34. How can you know when it was God who put a challenge in front of you?
15. Does God work through human motive? (See Psalm 76:10, Prov 16:2, & Matt 26:2.)	35. Do you ever feel like you are the only one who has ever faced your present Goliath?
16. Was making his house tax free David's only motive? (See I Sam 17:26, 36, 45-46.)	36. When did you face your first, big Goliath?
17. How did the short distance to the battlefield play a role in the account? (I Sam 17:1)	37. Do you purposely remember past Goliaths God defeated for you?
18. How did the layout of the battlefield play a role in the account? (I Sam 17:3)	38. Was getting saved a major Goliath for you? Is getting saved a major Goliath for you?
19. How about discussing some other possible strategies to overcome Goliath?	39. Do you really believe that God will help you with your Goliath?
20. Can you discuss how cultural icons should or should not influence the values of man?	40. Does believing that God will help you with your Goliath guarantee worldly success?

<sup>1</sup> See I Sam 17:11, 13, 24.

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# The Youth David in Boot Camp (I Sam 17:32-37)

1. Was David's heart failing him? (See I Sam 17:32.)	21. Would you describe life on earth as difficult?
2. Whose hearts were failing them? (See I Sam 17:24.)	22. Have you ever complained about anything?
3. What prepared David to take on Goliath? (See I Sam 17:34-36.)	23. What is construed as complaining?
4. Were there any indications that David complained about his time at boot camp?	24. Are you in boot camp in any regard at present?
5. Was boot camp easy for David? Please explain. Who is fiercer, Goliath or a lion?	25. Can you think of a time when you were in form of boot camp?
6. Did David just kill one lion or a bear, or were multiple killings involved? (I Sam 17:36)	26. Does God know how to prepare someone for life or for the ministry?
7. How did David kill the lions and bears? (See I Sam 17:35-36.)	27. Should we complain when being prepared for a mission?
8. Was the method he used to kill the lions and bears the same way his killed Goliath?	28. What is the difference between pain in boot camp and pain from being punished?
9. Did boot camp effectively train David? So, God knows when David was ready, right?	29. Can you describe the attitude we should have when being trained for life?
10. Do you think David only practiced his sling when wild animals came onto the scene?	30. Does God prepare someone to be saved?
11. Why did God not hinder the wild animals from entering David's domain?	31. What are some of the steps involved when a man gets saved?
12. Could God have given him ability without rigorous training? (See Exo 31:1-11.)	32. What are some of the steps involved when getting trained for the ministry?
13. Can you discuss this account in light of being molded by God? (See Job 23:10.)	33. Which is more important in the training process, the process or end-result?
14. Will it hurt when God molds you? Will it be worth it?	34. Can you think of any time when God trained you for a task, mission or ministry?
15. Do you think that God had planned this boot camp or did it happen by coincidence?	35. Is it necessary to be trained for life in heaven? What about life in the lake of fire?
16. Apart from slaying the wild animals, what other story is unfolding? (See I Sam 13:14.)	36. How do you know it's God who is training you and not just an unnecessary challenge?
17. What is unique to David's story of preparing to fight Goliath?	37. What are some differences between difficulties in boot camp and other areas in life?
18. What attitudes should we nurture when we are in boot camp?	38. Does practice make perfect? Does practice make perfect for training for life?
19. In what areas does God prepare us? Does God put unbelievers through boot camp?	39. What attitudes can we develop to keep us from shrinking away from boot camp?
20. How does boot camp to slay Goliath lead David into his public life in Israel thereafter?	40. Do you have any comments or questions on this matter?

# The Slaying of the Giant (I Sam 17:38-54)

1. Approximately how old was David when he slew Goliath? (I Sam 17:42)	21. How about discussing the moments right before a battle?
2. Was it God's will for David to wear Saul's armor? Please explain.	22. How about discussing the moments right during a battle?
3. Was selecting five stones rather than one stone an indication of a lack of confidence?	23. After seeing your trophy, you have to ask the question, "Was the battle worth it?"
4. Did David mention Goliath's gods by name? Was there a reason? (See Exodus 23:13.)	24. If you feel ill-prepared for battle, should you run from the challenge?
5. Was David shy about who he was serving? (I Sam 17:45)	25. On the surface level, what should you do if you lose the battle? Is failure an option?
6. Does David slaying the Goliath prove that the God of Israel is God? (I Sam 17:46)	26. Would a strong, consistent prayer life add energy and wit for a battle?
7. Can you discuss the relation between faith and actual practice for battle? (I Sam 17:47)	27. What can be considered a trophy or a reward in life?
8. Who took the initiative in the battle, and is this an important factor?	28. What are some trophies or rewards in life?
9. Once the battle began did David shrink back in his task? (I Sam 17:48)	29. What should you do with your trophies or rewards?
10. How many strikes did it take for David to hit Goliath? (I Sam 17:49)	30. What is considered going too far with your trophies or rewards?
11. Did Goliath die from one stone into his skull? What was the fatal blow? (I Sam 17:51)	31. Can trophies replace confidence in God?
12. Can you discuss how God likes to give the underdog the victory? (Psalm 147:10-11)	32. Can a trophy replace one's faith in God?
13. Did David put his confidence in God, his ability, his experience or in all of the above?	33. How should trophies be managed once they surface?
14. What reason do you think God did not allow David to slay the Goliath earlier?	34. Does God have the right to take away a trophy due to pride?
15. What happened to the level of confidence for Israel after Goliath was dead?	35. Would most trophies simply be in the spiritual realm from a spiritual victory?
16. Did Israel plunder their camp because of an increase in confidence or something else?	36. Would being nervous before a battle signify a lack of trust in God?
17. Do you think God purposely lessened Israel's confidence to give David opportunity?	37. Could an unsaved person put their trust in God to win a battle?
18. How about discussing David's trophy? (I Sam 17:54)	38. Regarding motive, what are the best motives to win battles and wars?
19. Can Uriah and Bathsheba be regarded as David's trophies or eyesores?	39. How did David's desire for his family to be tax free play a role in this account?
20. Is "trophy" a good word to use, or would the word "reward" be a better word to use?	40. Did God hold it against David that he wanted to be tax free for life?

# On Enjoying the Fruit of his Labor (I Sam 17:55-18:16)

1. Was the risk worth it?	21. How should you evaluate risks? What risks should you not take or not take?
2. Was the toil in training worth it?	22. What can we do to keep from replacing faith in God after a major victory?
3. Was trusting in God worth it? Did trusting in God have anything to do with the success?	23. What kind of progress should you be making at your stage in life?
4. What should be done with trophies of this sort?	24. How do you draw a fine line between healthy and dangerous risks?
5. How can the risk of pride be diminished after such a kill?	25. To whom did David give the glory?
6. How should trophies like this be managed?	26. What type of victory was the slaying of Goliath? Spiritual? other?
7. What should be done after such a kill to keep the experience at Ai from returning?	27. How should you feel when someone more skilled shows up onto the scene?
8. Could pride cause David to get caught off guard?	28. Should you be intimidated when the younger generation surpasses your skill level?
9. Besides the head of Goliath, what other trophies/blessings was given? (I Sam 18:1, 4, 5)	29. At what point should you move on to your next challenge?
10. How should Saul have reacted to the song sung by the women? (See I Sam 18:7.)	30. Do you think God purposely set up the story of the giant and the underdog?
11. Should the women have sung another song? Can they be blamed?	31. When was the last time you were the underdog?
12. Can David's life-long friendship with Jonathan be deemed a blessing due to the kill?	32. How is God's power displayed when the underdog becomes an over-achiever?
13. What sort of attitude should David carry in reference to his future challenges?	33. What are God's thoughts on weakness? (See I Co 1:29 & II Co 12:10.)
14. Should David's kill have boosted his confidence in God's protection in the future?	34. What does God delight in? (See Psalm 147:10-11.)
15. Should David's kill have boosted his confidence in God's leading in the future?	35. Are you facing any challenges at present where you feel you are the underdog?
16. Why was Saul asking for his name when they had already met? (I Sam 16:21; 17:55)	36. In the second "introduction," did Saul ask about David's name or his dad's name? <sup>1</sup>
17. Did confidence from the first kill have anything to do with the success that ensued?	37. With Saul having to manage a country, could he simply have forgotten David's name?
18. Why was David successful in all his undertakings? (I Sam 18:14)	38. Could the evil spirit have inhibited Saul's cognitive abilities?
19. During David's days of great success, how was he being prepared to run from Saul?	39. Is the media using the story of David and Goliath a good thing?
20. What does it mean that Jonathan gave that much right there on the spot? (I Sam 18:4)	40. Does the media misuse or overuse the story of David and Goliath?

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