# Lessons from David and Goliath

*Denny Myers’ lessons on “Lessons from a Teen Soldier: David” at the* [Smoky Hill church of Christ](http://smokyhillchurch.com/sermons) *inspired the theme of this outline.*

1. Introduction
   * + - 1. The account of David and Goliath is often regarded as a child’s story with wonderful songs to help children learn the account
         2. The account also offers many lessons we as adults should recognize and learn from David

Songs are a great method for anyone to learn, not just children (Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:19)

David was a man after God’s own heart (1 Samuel 13:14, Acts 13:22)

These passages refer to David while was still a youth, before he was even anointed to be king

David’s humble and contrite heart (Psalm 51, Isaiah 66:2) after realizing his sins associated with Bathsheba is part of why he is a man after God’s own Heart

1 Samuel 13:14 and Acts 13:22 put together do a great job of defining what a man after God’s own heart is – one who keep’s all of God commandments

Jesus reaffirms this in John 14:15 [Song 489 (Hymns for Worship) – Blessed are they who do his commandments]

* + - 1. So let’s learn more about David, a man after God’s own heart…

1. 1 Samuel 17
   1. David recognized authorities over him and was respectful
      * + 1. Father – 17:17-20
          2. Saul – 17:58
          3. God – 17:45-47
          4. Though David was a youth, accomplished, anointed by God, he was respectful
   2. David was not deterred by peer pressure
      * + 1. Peer pressure is that thing kids at school experience…to smoke and do drugs.
          2. Brother – 17:28-30

It is easy for younger brothers to stand up to older nagging brothers, but

what about our brothers and sisters in Christ?

* + - * 1. Inactivity of the army

40 days – 17:16

Shouting the war cry – 17:20 [594 – Sound the Battle Cry]

* 1. David did not wait for others to act
     + - 1. I believe David was challenging those around him to act – 17:26
         2. But when no one did, 17:27, he acted 17:32
         3. David didn’t:

Think “surely there is someone else more qualified than me, I should let them do it”

Say “Saul, I have an idea – send someone over there to fight Goliath, God will give the victory”

David said “Here am I, Send me!” [658 – Lord, Send Me]

* 1. David was prepared
     + - 1. We often think of David’s toy, the sling, but the sling was a weapon of shepherds and of war

The sling is still used by shepherds and in some recent rebellions (Wikipedia)

In 1981 Larry Bray slung a stone over 1, 434 ft (over a quarter mile)

* + - * 1. Judges 20:16 – “…700 chosen men who were left-handed; every one could sling a stone at a hair and not miss…”
        2. Later David’s mighty men of war, 1 Chronicles 12:1-2 – “…the mighty men who helped him in war. They were bowmen and could shoot arrows and sling stones with either the right or the left hand…”
        3. In Roman times, it is said a Mother would not let their son eat their bread until they could hit it with a stone from a sling
  1. David ran to meet the Philistine; he did not volunteer then sit
     + - 1. 17:48
         2. David’s history was like this, when shepherding – 17:34-37
  2. David had faith in God to provide strength and success
     + - 1. Similar to the faith shown years later by Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Daniel 3:16-18 – Our God is able to deliver us   
              
            [208 – He is able to deliver thee]
  3. David recognized the enemy
     + - 1. This was war, it is easy to recognize the enemy…
         2. David recognized this was an enemy of God!

17:8-10 – Goliath’s words

17:16 – 40 days

17:23 – “And David heard him.”

17:26 – David would not have the army of God bear this reproach

* + - * 1. How many times do we confront the enemies of God each day?
        2. How do we react when taunted by the adversaries of the living God?

In our politically correct, “not God” world what do you do?

The politically correct answer is always “not God”

Evolution not God. Humanism not God. Self not God.

“You do you” said in other words:

I have my business and you have yours

keep your thoughts to yourself, I’m tired of hearing them

I am not going to retort or object, just tell you to be quiet, your opinion is not valid

I think what you are doing is stupid but I don’t really care, you do you

Why would we act like this?

Do we want to be politically correct? Friendly? Avoid confrontation? Save our precious time (discussions take time after all)? James 4:4

Jesus missed political correctness 101 – Mark 10:17-22

* + - * 1. In our connected world, finding someone who reproaches God is not difficult, in fact we could spend every minute of our entire life retorting to the blasphemy

My suggestion, if it is in a world you engage in, your blog or a blog you follow, your Facebook page or one of your “friends”, a podcast you listen to, etc., put effort in these areas where you might have influence.

In all interactions, we should be acting in the same love that Christ had toward the rich young ruler

Whether you interact publicly or privately (i.e. on the board or through private message), is up to you, but ensure your choice is in the best keeping with effecting the change that Christ desired in the rich young ruler and those who were nearby listening

not to be politically correct

not simply to be seen of men

* + - 1. While on the thought of being seen by men…
  1. David honored God as the supplier of his strength and success
     + - 1. David gave credit for his past strength to God – 17:36-37
         2. David gave God the credit for his victory over Goliath and the Israelite victory over the Philistines – 17:45-47
         3. Paul had this same strength, Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”
  2. David realized he was a soldier at war
     + - 1. Despite David’s age, the opinion of his eldest brother or even King Saul, David knew he was a soldier
         2. Philippians 2:25, 2 Timothy 2:3-4, Philemon 1:2
         3. <http://www.truthmagazine.com/archives/volume20/GOT020287.html>
  3. David treated his life as a living sacrifice to God
     + - 1. Romans 12:1-2
         2. Galatians 2:20 [872 – I am Crucified with Christ]

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