



David

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David and Goliath

Trust in the Lord

- Those who trust in the Lord shouldn't be afraid
- 1 Samuel 17:1–11
- The opening of the story of David and Goliath sets the stage for what the story is ultimately about.
- Would the people live in fear or choose to trust in the Lord?
- We have seen Saul lead out of fear instead of trusting in the Lord, and we know God rejected him as king for it (1 Samuel 15:23).

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- We have also met the new future king, David, and learned that God chose him for his heart (his inner person), not his external qualities (1 Samuel 16: 7).
- We have also seen how God empowered David with His Holy Spirit (1 Samuel 16:13).
- But David was still just a young shepherd boy. He had been anointed king but had not yet stepped into the role.
- This chapter will show us that even as a young shepherd boy, David possessed the trust in the Lord that was necessary to be a godly king.

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- Two opposing armies on two mountains with a valley between them.
- This formation was typical for battles in the hilly country of central Israel.
- But those reading this story and are familiar with biblical history would be reminded by this image of the blessings and curses of the covenant on Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal (Joshua 8:33).
- This ceremony happened on two opposing mountains, a picture that reminds us of the two paths available; one path as a path of blessing, the other as a source of curse and destruction.

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- This truth is made explicit in Deuteronomy 30:15 – “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil” – and the path to life is described as being found in loving God and walking in obedience to Him.
- The story of David and Goliath paints a similar picture – two opposing mountains, one army committed to loving God and walking in obedience to Him and the other cursing Him.
- Like the story of Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal, this story presents us with a distinct choice between curse and blessing, living in fear or trusting in God.

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- Goliath is a true giant, nine and a half feet tall. This was not an exaggeration; there are plenty of records of Canaanite warriors who were this tall.
- He was covered in bronze armor from head to toe and carried a spear with a head of iron.
- Goliath's armor weighed more than 125 pounds and his spear more than fifteen pounds.
- Both metals portray strength, with the iron highlighting the Philistines' technological advantage over the Israelites (13:19).

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- The term “champion” referred to a type of warfare in which each army chose one soldier to fight on their behalf.
- Whoever won this individual battle won for their entire army.
- The text literally just says “man,” but it’s translated “champion” because of this type of warfare.
- Volunteering as champion gave soldiers an opportunity to show their prowess and gain honor and fame.

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- But if a champion did not come forward after a period of time, the king himself was supposed to fight.
- The fact that Saul was “greatly afraid” and did not go out to fight creates an intentional contrast between Saul and David and shows us that fear of man was Saul’s great weakness.
- The story doesn’t deny that Goliath was scary – just the opposite.
- It is very honest about how unusually strong and powerful he was. But a king who trusted in the Lord would not be afraid.

Trust in the Lord

- The people had wanted a strong king who would go out and fight their battles (1 Samuel 8:20).
- This story shows that Saul was not that king – not because he wasn't a strong enough warrior but because he was fearful.
- It was his inner person, not his external qualities, that was weak.

Trust in the Lord

- David truly trusted in the Lord; Saul did not
- 1 Samuel 17:12–40
- We have seen how David was empowered by the Holy Spirit and had been playing music to soothe Saul when he was attacked by the harmful spirit.
- The previous chapter tells us that Saul liked David so much that he made him one of his armor-bearers (16:14–23).
- At this point in the story, David went back and forth from feeding his father's sheep to serving Saul (17:15).

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- David's oldest brother was angry with David, thinking he was only asking about coming forward because he wanted the reward of riches and Saul's daughter's hand in marriage (17:28).
- His language is another contrast to what God said about David's heart.
- The way David described Goliath tells us he was not after his own honor but the honor of God (17:26).
- No matter what his brother thought, David's motives were pure, and he trusted in the Lord.

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- When David came before Saul, he referenced the “heart” again (17:32).
- David said, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him [Goliath],” speaking generally of the whole army.
- No man had stepped forward. Yet the story creates a clear contrast between David and Saul specifically.
- Saul’s heart had failed him, but David’s heart trusted in the Lord (17:37).

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- The contrast is furthered when David couldn't walk in Saul's armor.
- He merely went into battle with only his shepherd's weapons (17:38-40).
- This highlighted the difference in the strength and power:
 - David: who had no armor and carried only a slingshot.
 - Goliath: who had the latest technology in weaponry.

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- A slingshot wasn't nothing; it was still used as a weapon, not just for shepherds but in ancient forms of warfare, but Goliath's weapons were stronger and more advanced.
- However, David had the Lord on his side, whom he trusted to deliver himself (17:37).
- The gods of the Philistines were just idols of stone and wood, but Israel's God is the living God (17:36).

Faith in the Lord

- Faith in the Lord can move mountains and conquer giants
- 1 Samuel 17:41–58
- The Lord used David to conquer Goliath with just a slingshot. The speech David gave Goliath before the fight is an interesting point of focus.
- Goliath made fun of David's weapons.
- David responded that Goliath came with the latest technology in weaponry, but he came in the name of the Lord (verses 43, 45).

Faith in the Lord

- David used the name “Lord of hosts,” which is a military term, “hosts” referring to God’s army of angels (verse 45).
- David didn’t brag about his own strength or skill but said, “The Lord will deliver you into my hand” (verse 46).
- David didn’t talk about his own glory or fame but said he would win so that “all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel” (verse 46).
- Also that “all this assembly” – both the Philistine army and God’s own army – “may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear” (verse 47).

Faith in the Lord

- This whole battle was about God, not about David at all.
- The battle was about showing the world and even the army of Israel that Yahweh is the Lord of all nations, that He is the Savior and Deliverer.
- He doesn't need fancy weapons, human skill or anything else to win His battles.
- The story of David and Goliath shows us that God is stronger than any "giant" the world puts in front of us (1 John 4:4) and that faith in the Lord's promises and His will can move mountains (Matthew 17:20).

Faith in the Lord

- David spoke of this often in the Psalms:
- “The Lord is my strength and my song” (118:14), “my strength and my shield” (28:7), and “equipped me with my strength” (18:32).
- “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?” (27:1).
- David spent a huge portion of his life after this on the run from Saul and later from his own son, Absalom. He had every reason to fear, but instead he took refuge in the Lord (57:1).

Faith in the Lord

- No matter what David went through, he told himself, “The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?... It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man” (118:6, 8).
- David got this one simple truth right – trust in the Lord ... and He will make straight your paths (Proverbs 3:5–6). Straight” doesn’t mean we won’t through twists and turns and struggles. It means the right path.
- His plan for our lives may take us through hills and valleys, but we don’t need to fear because He is with us (Psalm 23:4).

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The screenshot shows the top portion of the Denton County Texas website. On the left is the logo for Denton County Texas, featuring a star and the text "DENTON COUNTY TEXAS". To the right of the logo is a search bar with the text "Search..." and a magnifying glass icon. Further right are links for "CONTACT US", "SITEMAP", and "ACC". Below the logo and search bar is a navigation menu with six items: "ELECTIONS OFFICE", "VOTER INFORMATION", "EARLY VOTING INFORMATION", "ELECTION DAY INFORMATION", "TRAINING & EDUCATION", and "ELECTION RESULTS AND MAPS". Below the navigation menu is a white box containing the text "Frank Phillips, Election Administrator". The main hero section features a background image of a large, ornate stone building with a clock tower. Overlaid on this image is the text "Current and Upcoming Election Information" in large, white, bold font. Below this text is an orange box with the text "Registered Voters as of 08/16/22 Total 596,749".

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November 8, 2022 *8 de Noviembre, 2022*

To vote, completely fill in the oval ● TO THE LEFT OF YOUR CHOICE(S). Use pen or pencil. DO NOT ERASE. If you make a mistake you may request a new ballot. If your vote for a candidate or question is marked in such a manner that your intent is not clearly demonstrated, your vote for that office may not be counted. To protect the secrecy of your vote, do not put your name, initials, or any identifying mark on your official ballot. You may vote for a write-in candidate by writing in the name of the candidate on the line provided and completely filling in the oval provided to the left of the line.

Para votar rellene completamente el óvalo ● a la izquierda de su(s) elección(es). Marque solamente utilizando la pluma o lápiz provisto. NO BORRE. Si comete un error, puede solicitar una nueva boleta electoral. Si su voto por un candidato o pregunta está marcado de tal manera que su intención no es claramente demostrable, su voto por ese cargo podra no ser contado. Para proteger el secreto del voto, no escriba su nombre, sus iniciales o cualquier marca distintiva en la boleta electoral oficial. Usted podría votar por inserción escrita escribiendo el nombre del candidato en la línea provista y llenando completamente el espacio ovalado a la izquierda de la línea.

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Conservatives

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*Bienvenido Action PAC, Donald Trump, National Rifle Association (NRA) PVF, *National Right To Life, Sean Hannity, Stand For America PAC and [4 more](#)

Others

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C Club of Houston, *Houston Police Officers Union PAC, HRBC, Houston's Premier Business Coalition, National Border Patrol Council, Texas Alliance for Life PAC (TAL), Texas Health Care Association PAC, Texas Medical Association (TEXPAC)

Selected Contributions

Conservative

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Andrew Murr (2018), Angela Paxton (2018), Angelica Garcia (2020), Angie Chen Button (2020), Barron Casteel (2022), Ben Bumgarner (2022) and [117 more](#)

RECEIVED BY CANDIDATE

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"E.C." Esle Sykes (2014), A. A. Dominguez (2018), Abetterlubbock.org (2018), Abolaji Tijani Ayobami (2018), Adam Blanchard (2021), Andrew & Simona Beal (2014) and [308 more](#)

Liberal

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International Union of Police Associations (2010)

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American Nurses Association (2015), Chris Turner (2014), Dan Sanchez (2019), David Alameel (2007), David Trone (2014), International Association of Firefighters (includes national, state & local affiliates) (2022) and [16 more](#)

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5%
LIBERAL

95%
CONSERVATIVE

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Where's my polling place?

Early Voting Locations

Voting during the early voting period couldn't be easier and more convenient! Registered and eligible voters may vote at ANY early voting location located in their county of residence. Whether you are at home, work or out running errands, you will be able to find a polling place near you. Early voting locations will be populated in our search site "[My Voter Portal](#)" two days prior to the first day of early voting. Here, you can enter your **Name, County, Date of Birth and ZIP code** to look up your registration information and find your nearest polling location. You may want to contact the [Early Voting Clerk for State and County Elections](#) in your county for early voting locations. Also, many newspapers publish early voting polling locations.

Note: Polling place hours vary at each early voting location.

Election Day Voting Locations

On Election Day, if your county participates in the [Countywide Polling Place Program \(CWPP\)](#) – commonly referred to as 'Vote Centers' – you can vote at any location in your county of residence. If your county does not participate in the CWPP, you can only vote at the voting precinct assigned to you. Your residence is located in a specific "precinct" or area within the county where you will vote on Election Day. In some cases, precincts may be combined to accommodate joint local elections. *You can find your voting precinct location by using our search site "[My Voter Portal](#)," which will be populated with voting sites two days prior to Election Day. Many newspapers publish Election Day polling locations as well. Election Day voting hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at all polling places statewide. For questions regarding polling places, always consult your [County Elections Office](#).

***Your voting precinct number (Pct. No.) is located next to your year of birth on your voter registration certificate.**