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Old School

*lessons you forgot
to remember*

David & Goliath

King Saul

Samuel

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but **the LORD looks at the heart.**”

1 Samuel 16:7 NLT

The Philistines now mustered their
army for battle...

1 Samuel 17:1 NLT

Saul countered by gathering his
Israelite troops near the valley of
Elah.

1 Samuel 17:2 NLT

So the Philistines and Israelites
faced each other on opposite hills,
with the valley between them.

1 Samuel 17:3 NLT

Then **Goliath**, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall!

1 Samuel 17:4 NLT

He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder.

1 Samuel 17:5-6 NLT

The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield.

1 Samuel 17:7 NLT

Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. “Why are you all coming out to fight?” he called. “I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the **servants of Saul**.

Choose one man to come down here and fight me!

1 Samuel 17:8 NLT

If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves!

1 Samuel 17:9 NLT

When Saul and the Israelites **heard**
this, they were **terrified** and **deeply**
shaken.

1 Samuel 17:11 NLT

For forty days, **every morning and evening**, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army.

1 Samuel 17:16 NLT

As he was talking with them, Goliath,
the Philistine champion from Gath,
came out from the Philistine ranks.
Then David **heard** him shout his
usual taunt to the army of Israel.

1 Samuel 17:23 NLT

As soon as the Israelite army **saw** him, they began to **run away** in fright.

1 Samuel 17:24 NLT

David asked the soldiers standing nearby, “What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?”

1 Samuel 17:26 NLT

...“What are you doing around here anyway?” he demanded. “What about those few sheep you’re supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!”

1 Samuel 17:28 NLT

Then David's question was reported to King Saul, and the king sent for him. "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!"

1 Samuel 17:31-32 NLT

“Don’t be ridiculous!” Saul replied.
“There’s no way you can fight this
Philistine and possibly win! You’re
only a boy, and he’s been a man of
war since his youth.”

1 Samuel 17:33 NLT

But David persisted.

1 Samuel 17:34 NLT

I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God!

1 Samuel 17:36 NLT

The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!”

1 Samuel 17:37 NLT

Allow your past victories
to fuel your future vision.

David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

1 Samuel 17:45 NLT

Today the LORD will conquer you...

1 Samuel 17:46 NLT

This is the LORD's battle, and he will
give you to us!

1 Samuel 17:47 NLT

So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword.

1 Samuel 17:50 NLT

Then David ran over and pulled
Goliath's sword from its sheath.
David used it to kill him and cut off
his head.

1 Samuel 17:51 NLT

How we see God shapes
how we see everything else in life.

No matter what is behind me
and no matter what is before me,
God is greater.

God is greater than
my greatest worry.

God is greater than
my greatest fear.

God is greater than
my greatest problem.

Because God has been faithful
in the past, I can be hopeful
in the future — no matter what
is standing in my path.