

# King David

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## Introduction.

### A. David served the Lord in his generation. (Acts 13)

The world had fallen into gross sin. Abraham became one whom God promised great blessings. Israel is the heritage of Abraham but over the years had fallen into sin. Saul, the first king of Israel, failed to trust God so the Lord sought out a man he could use to serve his purposes in that generation.

God chose David in the fields tending his sheep. (Psalm 78) When Samuel came to anoint David his father did not even consider him worthy to see the prophet. But God doesn't look on the outward appearance but on the heart. God looks throughout the world for a man he can trust. (2 Chronicles 16:9) God told Jeremiah to look high and low for a man who does justice and seeks truth.

Spurgeon said, "Big doors swing on little hinges." Reading Judges is depressing reading because of the sin of the nation. In Samuel the story begins to change because of the faith of Ruth and Hannah, where big doors swung on little hinges. God does the same in our generation. David was an ordinary person in many ways.

### I. Let's read 1 Samuel 17 to see what is revealed about David who became so significant in the purposes of God, and look at four principles:

A. He was concerned for God's glory.

B. He had confidence in God's power.

C. He had experience of God's faithfulness

D. He understood the word of God.

### II. David is concerned for the glory of God.

A. The taunts of Goliath goaded David.

1. While others were paralyzed with fear David was galvanized to act.

a. Paul was afraid to preach in Corinth. (1 Corinthians 2)

b. But the concern for God's glory was greater than David's fear.

2. Are we concerned for the glory of God?

a. Does the state of the church bother us?

b. Do we feel the need to do something to vindicate God?

c. Were you stirred to action this week during this conference?

B. If we can adopt a concern for the glory of God we are on the right track.

III. David had confidence in God's power.

A. David's brothers rebuked him for coming to the battle scene. (1 Samuel 17:28)

1. In spite of this David assured Saul that he would fight with Goliath.

2. His confidence does border on presumption.

B. Faith always looks like presumption to unbelievers.

1. We need the confidence of David.

2. We need to give up our apologetic attitude.

3. How much for the kingdom of God goes undone because we lack confidence?

4. We need confidence in the living God. (Hebrews 10)

IV. David's confidence came from his experience of God's faithfulness.

A. Saul tried to dissuade David from fighting Goliath but David recounted the times he killed lions and bears by the power of God, and knew that God would give Goliath into his hands also.

1. Saul tried to suit David with his armor but David could not use that armor, instead he relied solely on the power of God.

2. Daniel wrote of those who know God doing exploits. (Daniel 11:32)

3. David was a hero before he fought Goliath.

4. Races aren't won in the moment but during the long hours of preparation.

5. We become heroes of God by putting him first in our lives day by day and when we meet our Goliaths we know how faithful God is.

B. We will not do in a crisis what we are not used to doing every day.

1. How will you respond when God gives you a big test? It will be determined by what you do every day.

V. David understood the word of God.

A. Goliath despised David because he was a youth and boasted about what he planned to do to David.

B. David boasted only of what God was going to do to Goliath.

C. David prevailed with a sling only, guided by the hand of God.

VI. Summary principles from David's life.

A. God uses the weak to shame the strong. (1 Corinthians 1:26-29)

1. God is not dependent on human strength.
2. Most of the worthwhile things done in the world are done by weak people when they are tired and not feeling well.
3. This rules out excusing ourselves on the basis of our ability.

B. God designs to use human beings.

1. We need not fall into the extreme that God doesn't need us but we can't just become lazy in our service of God.
2. David knew that through God doesn't need people he does use them.
3. David must have practiced with his sling often.
4. He took five stones, not too many and not too few.
5. We must use our abilities and skills knowing that unless God breaths life into our skills nothing will happen.
6. God didn't use a thunderbolt to strike Goliath but he guided David's hand.
7. Are we using our skills and abilities for the Lord, trusting God to use us?
8. Let's learn from David.
9. Let's be hinges upon which the doors of God can turn to impact our nations.