

Great Upsets



- American Revolution (Continental Army defeats the British Army)
- Abraham Lincoln defeats William Seward
- Harry Truman defeats John Dewey
- Buster Douglass defeats Mike Tyson
- The Miracle on Ice



David vs Goliath



**MORE THAN JUST AN
UPSET**

David: An Unlikely Choice

- David was the youngest of 8 sons of Jesse.
- Shepherd
- Anointed by Samuel to be the king of Israel.
- Jesus' bloodline included David. (Matthew 1)



David is chosen.



- *16 The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”*
- *7 But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”*

David is chosen.



- *¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”*
- *“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”*
- *¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.*
- *Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.” 1Samuel 16: 1,7,10-12*

God looks on the inside. Do we?



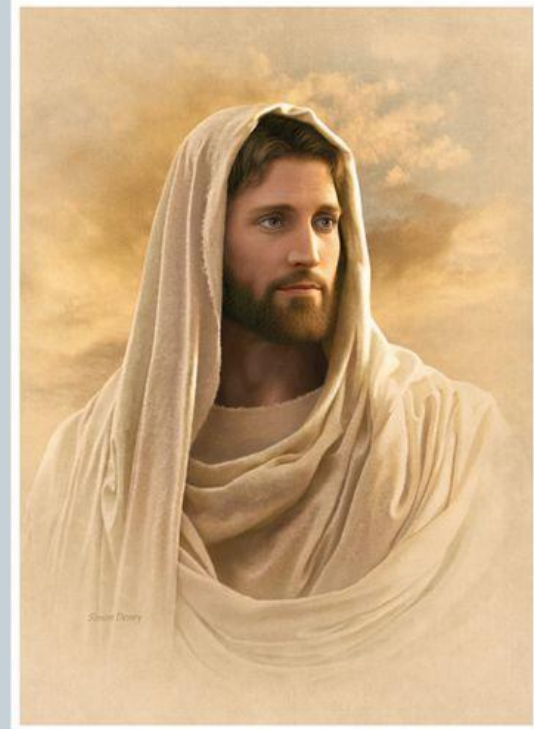
- David was chosen because of his heart.
- Many people are not given a chance because of their appearance or age.
- Do we judge before we get to know?
- If people are given a chance, they might shine.



Isaiah's Image of Christ



- *He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Isaiah 53: 2-3*



The Challenge



- *² Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. ³ The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.*
- *⁴ A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. (9+feet)*
- *⁸ Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. ⁹ If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.” (1Samuel 17: 2-4,8-9)*

Our Giants



- Temptations
- Health Issues
- Employment Issues
- Family
- Relationships
- Stress
- Our Weaknesses

- How do we face these giants?
 - *⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 6-7*

Challenge Accepted



- *32 David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”*
- *33 Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”*
- *34 But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 37 The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.” (1Samuel 17: 32-37)*

Remember where you have been.



- During our challenging times, we should think of what God has helped us to overcome and the blessings we have.
- We can overcome all challenges with God's help.

- *God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in
trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into
the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and
foam
and the mountains quake
with their surging. (Psalm 46:1-3)*

Into the Valley of Death



- *Even though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me...*

- *(Psalm 23: 4)*

- David believed that God was with him during his darkest times.

- He did not fear the outcome.

- *When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it. John 18: 1*

- Jesus entered His own valley of death.

- He also did not fear the outcome.

God is on our side!



- *45 David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head.*
- *This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.” (1 Samuel 17: 45-47)*

David's Trust in God

- When we have to face the giants in our lives, do we have the same faith as David?
- How do we respond when people ask is how we are going to manage?



Quick Victory



- *48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. 49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.*
- *50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.*
- *51 David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword. (1Samuel 17:48-51)*

Our Victory!



- *“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?*

Where, O death, is your sting?”⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Corinthians 15:54-57

